

Hassan II upbeat on Maghreb unity

RABAT (R) — A union of the five Maghreb states will be achieved much more quickly than it took Western Europe to unite, according to King Hassan II of Morocco. He said in a speech to teachers Thursday that unlike the 12 members of the European Economic Community (EEC), the Maghreb was already united by the Arabic language, the Islamic religion and the same struggle for liberation from colonialism. The king added that the Maghreb had not been torn by bitter wars lasting decades or centuries as in Europe. "There were no old wars between Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria or Mauritania, whereas numerous wars have marked European history," the king said in his speech published Friday. "The construction of the Arab Maghreb... will be achieved in a much shorter time than was needed to realise the union of West European countries," he said. In the Maghreb "there are no religious problems, whereas bitter struggles have opposed Catholics and Protestants in Europe. No linguistic problem either, a problem which is still posed in Europe. Hence we have advantages that enable us to forge ahead and succeed quickly."

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Carlucci to visit Moscow next month

MOSCOW (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci will visit the Soviet Union at the beginning of August, the official news agency TASS said Friday. It said the visit was part of a programme of U.S.-Soviet exchanges but gave no dates or agenda. Earlier this month Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, Soviet armed forces chief of staff, visited the United States.

Israel-Romania accord reported

KUWAIT (Agencies) — A report from the occupied West Bank said Israel and Romania had reached an agreement on emigration of Soviet Jews through Romanian territory, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. The report said the agreement was reached after intensive talks between Israeli and Romanian officials. "Under the agreement, Israel would import large quantities of Romanian products and then reexport them to the United States as Israeli products in accordance with the free trade agreement between Israel and the United States," the report said. The agreement, signed recently in Bucharest, would allow Romania to play "a leading role in forcing Soviet Jews to go to Israel and obstructing them from going to the United States," KUNA said.

Soviet team leaves Britain

GREENHAM COMMON (R) — A Soviet military team left Britain Friday after inspecting U.S. cruise nuclear missiles, attending a debate in parliament and sampling traditional ale in a country inn. The 20-man team arrived Tuesday for a first inspection at the Greenham Common air base of 101 missiles to be destroyed under the Soviet-U.S. treaty banning ground-launched intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF). A further 18 missiles stationed at Molesworth were also included in the stocktaking.

Yugoslavia, Morocco resume ties

BELGRADE (AP) — Yugoslavia and Morocco Thursday reestablished diplomatic relations, cut since 1984, the official Tanjug news agency reported. It said the two governments decided to resume ties at ambassadorial level, "in keeping with their desire to improve mutual relations and to contribute to the strengthening of the Non-Aligned Movement." Morocco broke off diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia four years ago, after the Yugoslav government recognised Polisario, the Western Sahara guerrilla movement.

Afghan president pardons prisoners

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan President Najibullah has ordered the release of prisoners serving the last year of their jail sentences but excluded guerrillas who had fought against his government, the Bakhtar news agency reported Friday. The official news agency, monitored in Islamabad, said the amnesty was ordered in honour of 'Eid Al Adha.

Musavi presents new cabinet

NICOSIA (AP) — Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi presented a list of 21 ministers in his new cabinet to parliament Thursday, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported. The IRNA report said Musavi sent a letter to Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani detailing a cabinet "which includes no new faces." The minister of construction, Bijan Namdar Zangeneh, resigned, and his post along with the portfolios of energy and commerce remain vacant, IRNA said. The Majlis (parliament), was elected in May and has to approve the cabinet. Approval is usually automatic.

Sihanouk secures French backing

PARIS (R) — Former Kampuchean leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk received warm backing from France Friday as his country's warring factions prepared for an unprecedented session of informal peace talks in Indonesia. Prime Minister Michel Rocard hailed Sihanouk's "courageous personal struggle" to bring peace to Kampuchea and promised France's help in finding a settlement. Sihanouk, who has spent 10 days in France in self-proclaimed "exile," was later flying to Jakarta in advance of the peace summit beginning Monday. But he has ruled out taking part in the peace talks in a highland palace outside Jakarta, delegating his son Prince Ranariddh to represent him (Moscow, Peking to discuss Kampuchea, page 8).

Britain to close fast-breeder reactor

LONDON (AP) — Britain has announced sharp cuts in nuclear research and development which threaten to close its only fast-breeder reactor and slash up to 1,800 jobs in the nuclear industry. Energy Secretary Cecil Parkinson told parliament Friday that funding for the fast-breeder programme would fall from £55 million (\$95 million) to £10 million (\$17 million) a year by 1977. He said fast-breeder technology, in which reactors produce nuclear fuel and less the need for uranium, would not be commercially viable for the next 30 or 40 years. Britain's only such reactor, a 250-megawatt research facility at Dounreay in northern Scotland, will lose government funding by 1994, the Energy Department said Saturday.

Gorbachev popularity far ahead of Reagan

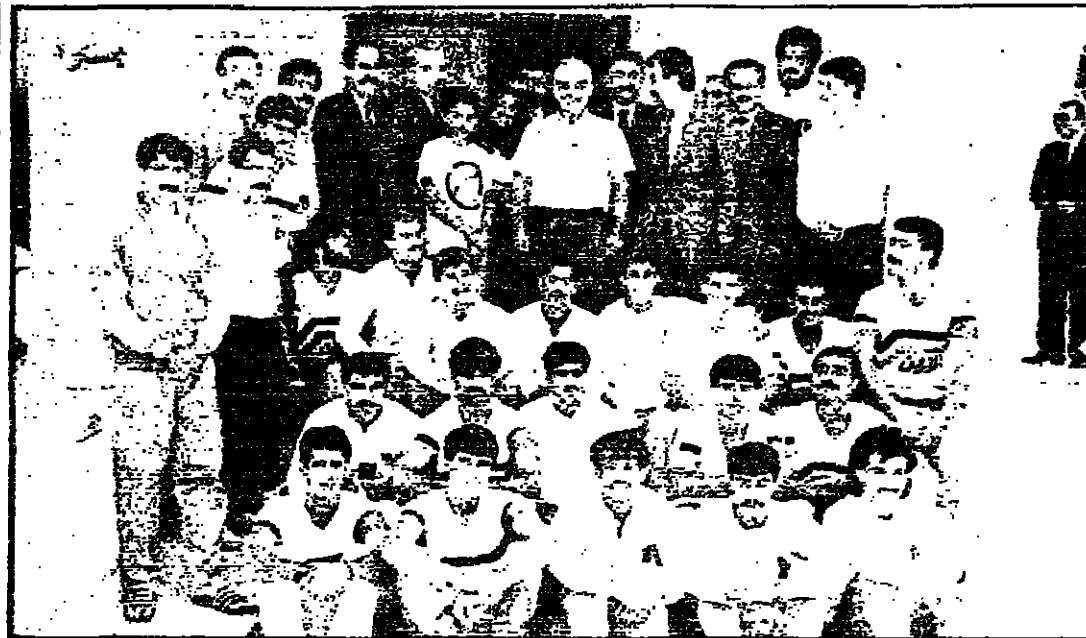
FRANKFURT (AP) — A survey of about 2,000 West Germans found that more than 70 per cent approve of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev compared with only 41 per cent for U.S. President Ronald Reagan. West German mistrust towards the Warsaw Pact has "dropped dramatically," the respected Allensbach institute said in releasing its poll results Friday. The results are in line with indicators that West Germans increasingly are coming to believe that a positive trend in East-West relations will continue.

Ex-minister quits Israeli party

TEL AVIV (AP) — The head of a religious party which won four parliamentary seats on its first election try four years ago resigned Friday over a personality conflict and will form his own political movement, Israel Radio reported. Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz quit the Shas Torah Guardian's Party after disagreements with alleged party strongman Rabbi Aryeh Deri, director-general of the ministry of interior, the radio said. Peretz was not at home to explain why he quit Shas. The radio quoted him as accusing Deri of seizing control of the party. Peretz was the political leader of Shas and head of its parliamentary faction. Deri has been ranked second to Peretz in the party's list for the upcoming elections scheduled for Nov. 1.

Iran builds missiles — weekly

LONDON (R) — Iran is trying to build up its own missile production using experts trained in the United States and Europe, the authoritative journal Jane's Defence Weekly said. It said in this week's issue that development of Iran's own Iran-130 missile, designed with a maximum range of 130 kilometres to reach targets in Iraq, seemed to have been delayed by technical difficulties. Statements from Tehran suggested only that it would be ready "in the near future." Iran would probably depend on Soviet-designed Scud-B missiles from North Korea for many years.



His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Prince Ali Al Hussein and Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Al Hussein with the national football team and officials Friday (Petra photo)

King urges national football team to keep up its standards

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said Friday the results achieved by the Jordanian national soccer team during the Fifth Arab Soccer Championship which concluded in Amman Thursday were a great incentive for further achievements in future Arab and international games.

King Hussein, speaking at an audience at Al Nadwa Palace with members of the Jordanian team praised the high spirit of sports and competition which prevailed during the championship.

The King also expressed pride in the efforts made by the Jordanian team which won the 4th place in the championship (see page 7).

Jordan Football Federation Chairman and Chairman of the Higher Committee for the Fifth Arab Soccer Championship Rajai Dajani said the championship achieved its objectives and was very successful, thanks to the patronage of King Hussein and his continuous support of sports and his presence at the matches.

Rajai, the interior minister, also said the continuous support and encouragement of the national team received from King Hussein was behind the results it achieved.

The King presented the team members with token gifts and also received from Dajani a token gift.

Rifai visits Irbid, pledges help to solve problems

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai announced Friday a government allocation of JD 100,000 as special assistance to support development projects in Irbid Municipality and enhance public services in the municipality.

Rifai, speaking at a meeting of government officials and citizens in Irbid, also pledged that water and sewerage problems in the governorate would be settled as soon as possible through increased coordination between the Water Authority of Jordan

(WAJ) and the Ministry of Public Works.

The prime minister noted that present water resources could not meet the growing demand due to a high population growth. He stressed the Al Wihdah Dam, scheduled to be built in cooperation with Syria, was bound to solve the water shortage problem in the governorate once and for all.

During the prime minister's visit to Irbid, which came in line with directives from His Majesty King Hussein and the govern-

ment's policy of enhancing public services, Mayor Abdul Razzak Tubeishat presented a detailed account of public services in the city, its achievements and future plans.

Tubeishat briefed Rifai and several Cabinet ministers accompanying him on plans to develop the city centre and construct highways and ring roads to ease traffic off jammed roads.

The prime minister and ministers visited several areas of the city.

Dukakis unites party behind him with passionate speech

ATLANTA (Agencies) — Michael Dukakis took command of a united Democratic party Thursday night, accepting its presidential nomination with a passionate speech declaring "the Reagan era is over and a new era is about to begin."

In the most important speech of his life, the 54-year-old son of Greek immigrants set a packed convention hall roaring and invoked an enthusiasm not seen since another man from Massachusetts — John F. Kennedy — won the party's leadership a generation ago.

Millions of Americans sat glued to their television sets for their first major glimpse of Dukakis in his newly confirmed role as the man who will fight Republican Vice-President George Bush in the Nov. 8 election.

The short, slim governor of Massachusetts rose to the occasion. In only 45 minutes, he reached out to every branch of a notoriously self-destructive party and to every segment of the country, declaring: "My friends, we are going to forge a new era of greatness for America."

Recalling his immigrant roots, he said: "We're going to win because we are the party that believes in the American dream. I know because, my friends, I am a product of that dream — and I am proud of it."

He painted a vision of a country based on economic fairness and opportunity where "each of us counts... we must be knit together as one."

With words that evoked Kennedy and the passion of his main

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A scene from the Democratic Party's national convention which concluded in Atlanta Thursday night.

Azerbaijan proposes tripartite crisis talks

MOSCOW (R) — Azerbaijani Communist Party leader Abdul Vezirov has proposed talks with Armenia and Georgia to work out a common strategy on ethnic problems in the tense Transcaucasian republics in the southern Soviet Union, officials said Friday.

His proposal appeared to be a first step by Azerbaijan towards meeting Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's appeal for efforts to respect the cultural and ethnic traditions of minority groups to avoid troubles such as the Nagorno-Karabakh dispute.

In Armenia's capital of Yerevan, factories were closed Friday by a one-day strike in protest at the Kremlin's rejection of demands for the Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh to be transferred to it, officials said.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, said Vezirov's call for talks with Armenian party leader Suren Arutunyan and Georgian leader Dzumber Patiashvili was aired on Azerbaijani television Thursday.

In Armenia, officials said Arutunyan had not yet replied to the proposal. "Very many factories are not working today," an Armenian foreign ministry spokesman told Reuters. He said the strike was called by the Karabakh committee at a mass rally in Yerevan Thursday evening.

The committee, which earlier this month organised a two-week general strike in support of Nagorno-Karabakh, announced that mass meetings would not be held next week.

Iran signals readiness for direct talks; Perez de Cuellar invites both sides

Iraq launches major offensive

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said Friday its forces had launched a major offensive along the entire Gulf war front with Iran to regain territory and capture prisoners.

A high command communique read on Baghdad Television said thousands of Iranian soldiers had been captured and a huge quantity of weapons and equipment seized.

The offensive was concentrated on a 170-kilometre sector of the central war front, it said.

At the United Nations, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced Friday that he has invited Iran and Iraq to send their foreign ministers or other high officials here for intensive discussions on his peace plan.

"I very much hope to see them early next week in New York," he told reporters.

In Tehran, Ayatollah Ruhollah

Khomeini said Iran sought a lasting peace with Iraq and its acceptance this week of a United Nations truce call was not merely "a

King phones Iraqi leader

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein telephoned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Friday evening and inquired about the latest developments on the Iran-Iraq war front. The King congratulated President Saddam for the victories achieved by the Iraqi troops on the front.

It was the second telephone call between the King and President Saddam since Iran announced last week it was unconditionally accepting U.N. Security Council Resolution 598.

King Hussein also congratulated President Saddam for the Iraqi team's victory in the Fifth Arab Soccer Championship which ended in Amman Thursday (see page 7).

Israel mounts massive army cordon in Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops blocked worshippers from reaching Jerusalem Friday and reinforced police units were stationed in the Holy City for weekly prayers and in preparation for an expected tough weekend.

Israeli officials said Jerusalem was becoming the centre of the seven-month-old Palestinian uprising and warned tensions were expected to rise this weekend due to coinciding Muslim and Jewish holidays.

More than 100 club-wielding policemen stood guard Friday in the walled Old City, where about 3,500 Muslims gathered for prayer.

Muslim leaders said 17,000 worshippers were expected on the Friday before the 'Eid Al Adha holiday. But many were turned back at Israeli roadblocks at Jerusalem's southern entrance and some 270,000 Palestinians were unable to leave their homes due to curfews.

At Al Aqsa Mosque, Friday's prayer leader delivered a strong sermon against the Israeli occupation.

"We remind the occupiers we will never forget your actions," he declared. "Brothers, be patient, the end is coming."

Under calls issued by the underground leadership of the uprising, Palestinian-owned shops stayed open longer than their usual three hours a day to allow to Muslims to stock up for 'Eid Al Adha.

The prayer leader at Al Aqsa condemned Israeli measures to quell the uprising and Israeli archaeological excavations in the Old City which he said were encroaching on Al Aqsa.

"Hear me, you occupiers, you

should move your hand off Al Aqsa. You are forbidding Muslims to pray in Al Aqsa from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Who knows what you will do tomorrow," he said.

Jerusalem's Israeli mayor, Teddy Kolek, said Friday he had reached an agreement with the Waqf, the custodians of Haram Al Sharif, to allow workers to remove mud from an ancient tunnel entrance next week.

But the Waqf said Thursday that Israeli officials had promised that the entrance would remain sealed after digging on July 3 triggered a three-hour battle be-

tween Palestinians and Israeli troops.

Aharon Sarig, an Israeli official, said recent violence in Jerusalem "proves that Jerusalem is actually the focus of all things."

"It's now clear to all that we can't separate Jerusalem" from the occupied territories and the uprising in which 242 Palestinians have died, he said.

Israeli sources said during a routine search of an Arab woman at a gate to Haram Al Sharif, police found a box containing 10 petrol bombs ready for use.

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Bhutto demands polls with political parties

KARACHI (R) — Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto Friday attacked President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq's decision to hold non-party elections in November.

Speaking before a key meeting of the opposition parties grouped under the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), she said: "The general elections are not the personal property of Zia."

The president announced Thursday that political parties would be barred from contesting the delayed poll on Nov. 16 and that candidates would have to stand as individuals.

His move, described as a bombshell by a senior opposition politician, infuriated political parties who say he is acting unconstitutionally.

"Zia has to hold the elections on the party basis," Bhutto said

before leaders of the nine-party MRD met at her Karachi mansion to thrash out a common stand.

She urged that the supreme court and the election commission should be used to help organise the poll for the 237-seat National Assembly and four provincial assemblies on a party basis.

In opting for a partyless election, Zia has returned to the method he used in the previous election. In 1985, when the opposition called on their supporters not to vote.

Now they must decide whether to go along with Zia and fight the election on his terms, call for a boycott or try to challenge his decision in the courts.

Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party won an important court victory in June when the supreme court struck down a law barring political parties from contesting elections unless they had registered with the election commission.

Zia's announcement came a day after he told the senate it was not possible to hold elections by Aug. 27 as promised, chiefly because constituency boundaries had to be redrawn.

The president sparked the crisis on May 29 when he fired Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo without warning and dissolved the lower house of parliament and the federal cabinet and promised to hold elections within 90 days.

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Shakespeare: Funny but sexist

How did the audience view Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* performed at the Jerash Festival last Tuesday? Rania Atalla reports:

AMMAN — More than one thousand people poured into the Jerash south theatre Tuesday evening to watch Shakespeare's comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew," which was evaluated as "excellent" in terms of acting and production but believed controversial in its theme, described by some as "outright sexist."

Set in Padua, Italy more than 400 years ago, the play is about a bad-tempered and difficult Katherine, who is wooed and "tamed" by her suitor-turned-husband Petruchio, and by the end of the play becomes an "obedient" wife, setting an example to her younger sister and other women in the play.

"The play was entertaining and funny," one member of the audience said. "But I left the theatre feeling very disturbed that something of that importance should be outright sexist," she said.

The producers shouldn't have portrayed Katherine's character in such a subservient way," she said. "I was waiting for a line at the end of the play that would show this was neither real nor serious, but Katherine's character was destroyed in the end," she added.

Aysar Akrawi, another member of the audience, agreed that the theme of the play was "an insult to women."

"The play stopped being funny at one point," she said in refer-

ence to the last scene where Katherine tells other women on stage to place their hand below their "husband's foot," so that it may "do him ease."

"The play must have given men a big boost, reinstating what they feel about themselves," Akrawi said. "But for women, it was morale breaking."

She added however, that one has to remember that the play was set several hundred years ago. Still, in her belief, the film version of the play, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton was such an outstanding performance that the theme, which stresses male domination from beginning to end, is overlooked by the audience.

Ziad Rifa'i, another member of the audience, agreed the theme was "sexist," but declared it was not fair to judge the play on that issue alone. "The theme is definitely sexist, but the play is not about a contemporary issue," Rifa'i said. "It is a replay of what existed a few centuries ago," he commented.

He said the audience received the play and its theme "very well," adding that the audience did not come out of the play thinking in terms of whether it was sexist or not.

But Mary Kawai, another member of the audience, disagreed. "The artistic aspect of the play overshadows the sexism in the

theme," Kawai said. "And the audience would think it is okay, but that should not be the case," she protested.

She said in the play, Katherine had to be tamed because her strong character was the obstacle to her getting married. "Katherine was portrayed as a threat to her father, but it was her crazy husband who should have been tamed," she said. "That did not cross anyone's mind. On the contrary, everyone thought he was funny."

Riad Al Khouri, a Shakespeare fan, explained: "Shrew is one of Shakespeare's earlier plays, and the man-woman theme in it is handled in a relatively unsophisticated manner."

Commenting on people's reactions to the play, Khouri said "hopefully next year's Jerash Festival will include performances of Hamlet, Macbeth and The Tempest. Only then will Jordanian theatregoers have a chance to form a better-rounded opinion of Shakespeare."

Rifa'i said the play was made more interesting because of the absence of a director. He said each actor contributed with his own style to produce what he called a collective vision of Shakespeare's comedy.

Most members of the audience interviewed by the Jordan Times believed the play was either too long or was performed too late in the evening, (at 9:30). That however, did not detract from the value of holding such an event at the Jerash Festival.

"It is wonderful to have a

performance like this one," Akrawi said. "There is a real lack of stimulating events in Amman."

Commenting on this year's festival in general, Akrawi said that though there was no considerable improvement in terms of organisation, this year's festival had a good number of interesting programmes.

She said she felt the festival was becoming commercial because items such as "I love daddy" and "I love mommy" mugs were on sale. "Jerash is a festival of arts and crafts," she said, "so shopping should be restricted to handicrafts."

Others disagreed. "If the commercialisation helps in generating income that is used to subsidise other cultural events, then it is alright," Rifa'i said.

Rifa'i said the festival was "well organised" but that the turnout was poor, especially in comparison to last year's festival.

He said either the events themselves, or the "high" prices charged for attendance of these events may explain the low turnout of people.

He added that poetry reading, which is attended free of charge, had attracted more people. "If the aim behind the festival is education, then people should not pay that much," Rifa'i suggested.

Muna Jume'a'an, who attended the Shakespearean play and other events in Jerash, agreed. "There is a need for popular events," she said, citing as an example, works of the Syrian actor-playwright



Kate O'Mara playing Katherine in Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*

Dureid Lahham. "There are too many highly intellectual events, unsuitable for the festival," she said.

One spectator at the festival said she enjoyed the book and photography exhibitions as well

as the crafts displayed at Jerash. She suggested however, that "the cultural starvation" of people could be satisfied more effectively if events such as those held during the festival take place throughout the year.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CONTRACTORS' CLAIMS HONOURED: Public Works and Housing Minister Shafiq Zawaydeh Thursday said the ministry honoured all contractors' claims before the 'Eid Al Adha holiday. He also said that none of the contractors who carried out projects for the ministry had outstanding claims.

NIMR MEETS ENVOY: Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabih Al Nimr received Nepal Ambassador to Jordan Bhogendra Rimal.

JORDANIAN ENVOY RETURNS: Jordan's Ambassador to Greece Awwad Al Khalidi Thursday returned home from Athens at the end of his tour of duty in Greece. Khalidi was awarded a medal of high-standard by the Greek government in appreciation of his services and efforts to strengthen friendship between Jordan and Greece.

WELFARE SUPERVISION: A week-long training course on welfare supervision, organised by the Ministry of Social Development's social services college, concluded Thursday. Taking part in the course were 15 social workers and supervisors from various social development departments.

AUB QUIZ FINALS: American University of Beirut (AUB) Alumni Club will hold its true or false quiz finals Sunday, July 31, at 8 p.m. in the club.

SERVICES DURING 'EID: Authorities in the Balqa Governorate decided that employees in technical services and hygiene works are to work during the 'Eid Al Adha, to ensure the services are available for citizens throughout the holidays. The water authorities have established a pumping programme to ensure an efficient supply of water to citizens of the area, and an emergency committee has been formed to be ready for work beginning Saturday and until next Wednesday.

TAFILEH SEMINAR ENDS: A seminar organised by the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development ended Thursday in Al Tafleh Governorate. The seminar was organised for rural women leaders working in social development centres and benevolent societies and for nurses working at mother and child care centres. The seminar, which was attended by 15 women, aimed at preparing health educators to work in increasing awareness among individuals and families and to introduce them to the principles of health care.

KARAK TEACHERS' COURSE ENDS: Four courses in primary skills for the first three elementary classes and an Arabic language course for all elementary classes ended Thursday in Karak Governorate. 113 teachers from the Al Qaser and Al Mazar districts took part in the courses.

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — July 23, 1988

8:30 Mr. Belvedere

9:10 Sat. Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film
The River

Sun. — July 24, 1988

8:30 Check It Out

9:10 The Magicians
Documentary

The cinema and its industry since its early stages. The mechanics of the cinema and especially the tricks and how they are executed and performed to look as if they are real.

10:20 The Equalizer
Something Green

11:10 Swan Lake
Ballet

Mon. July 25, 1988

8:30 Perfect Strangers

9:10 Secret Army

10:20 Movie of Week
Camelot

Starring:
Richard Harris
Vanessa Redgrave
Franco Nero.

Opulent, generally well-acted version of the Broadway Lerner and Loewe musical. About the knight's of the Round Table in Hollywood's — and author T.H. White's version of life in the middle ages.

Tue. — July 26, 1988

8:30 Clarence

A comedy series about Clarence Sale who sees the world as an opaque blur, and spends more of his time bumping into things than packing them. But when he bumps into housemaid Jane he cannot believe his eyes.

9:10 Campaign

The Queen has dissolved Parliament, and the general election campaign is under way. Judy Axford, the young nurse appearing in the NHS advertisements,

changes her mind about being used. Nevertheless Gordon decides to go ahead with them. Sarah finds herself increasingly drawn to her copywriter.

10:20 Hunter

Change Partners and Dance

11:10 A Perfect Spy

A seven-part serial from the novel by John le Carre — the story of a manhunt and a man hunting for his own identity.

Wed. — July 27, 1988

8:30 3 up 2 Down

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

9:10 Variety Show

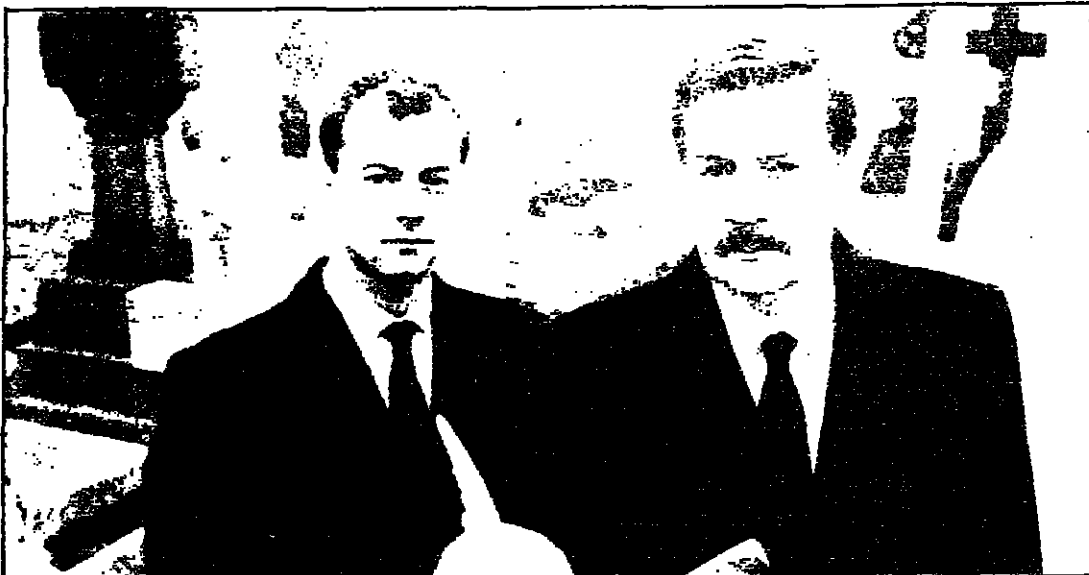
Tina Turner

10:20 A Very British Coup

When Harry decides to remove nuclear war-heads and American bases from British soil, the opposition decides that Harry must go. The try to blackmail him into resignation.

Thur. — July 28, 1988

8:30 Throb



What happens if United Kingdom asks the United States to remove its nuclear war-heads and dismantle its bases on British soil? A Very British Coup

9:10 Remington Steele

Steele Hanging in There

(Part II)

Remington and Laura wing their way to London in hot pursuit of a stolen painting worth millions. However, their landing proves bumpy when the mysterious Tony Roselli, to enhance his own career, blackmails Remington into undertaking a dangerous mission.

10:20 Feature Film

Archer of Fire

Starring:
James Mason
Franco Nero

American girl teaching English in an Italian city. The girl finds many acts of violence there and starts her own activities to discover the gang.

Fri. — July 29, 1988

8:30 Guinness Records

9:10 The Charmer

Gorse, the Imposter

Falcon Crest

11:10 Three's Company

The Gift

Landlord, Roper, gives Jack \$300 to buy a suede coat that Mrs. Roper has been wanting. Chrissy and Janet return to the apartment to find the gift, and believe that Jack has remembered Chrissy's birthday.

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15:10 Comedy
15:40 Arabic play
18:15 Arabic series
19:05 Local programme
19:35 Programme review
20:00 News in Arabic
20:15 Arabic series
21:25 Programme review
21:50 Local programme
22:40 Variety Songs
23:00 News summary in Arabic
23:10 Arabic play

PROGRAMME TWO

18:00 Le Chevalier de Pardaillon
19:00 News in French
19:15 Un DB de plus
19:30 News in Hebrew
19:45 Science World
20:50 News in Arabic
20:50 Mr. Belvedere
21:00 Alfred Hitchcock: "Animal Lovers"

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13:00 News Summary
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15:00 Concert Hour
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King sends cables to Egypt, Oman and Poland

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Friday sent a cable to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak congratulating him on the anniversary of July 23 revolution.

The King wished President Mubarak continued good health, happiness and success and the Egyptian people further progress and prosperity.

King Hussein also sent a cable to Omani monarch Sultan Qaboos bin Saïd congratulating him on the Renaissance Day.

The King wished Sultan Qaboos continued good health and happiness and the people of Oman further progress, prosperity and success under the leadership of Sultan Qaboos.

King Hussein Thursday sent a cable to Polish President Wojciech Jaruzelski, congratulating him on Poland's National Day.

King Hussein wished the Polish president continued good health and happiness and the Polish people further progress and prosperity.

King, Rifal receive cables

King Hussein Thursday received a cable of good wishes from Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was flying over the Jordanian airspace.

Gandhi wished the King continued good health, happiness and success in promoting the Arab and Muslim causes, and the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai Thursday received a cable of good wishes from the Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, who was flying over the Jordanian airspace.

Ozal wished Jordan continued progress and prosperity and voiced hope that the bilateral Jordanian-Turkish relations be further enhanced in the interest of both peoples.

Minister denies talks on toxic waste incinerator

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, Mr. Yusef Hamdan categorically denied Thursday reports that Jordan was negotiating with a British company (North Finsher) to set up a toxic waste incinerator on Jordanian territory, Petra reported.

The minister said the Jordanian government had informed the United Nations Programme on Environment that the news was completely unfounded.

He said Jordan "would never allow such a project on its lands."

Iraq to pay for all goods shipped before April 17

AMMAN (Petra) — Industry and Trade Ministry Secretary General Mohammad Al Saqqaf Thursday said that an agreement has been reached with Iraqi officials to pay for all goods shipped to Baghdad before April 17 through Al Rafi-
jein Bank.

Saqqaf called on all Jordanians who exported goods to Iraq before that date to supply the bank with the necessary documents after the 'Eid Al Adha holiday in preparation for payment.

Jordanians attend 4th children's assembly

SOFIA (Sofia Press) — The struggle for Arab unity and the resistance of the Arab people of Palestine are the subjects which engage the minds of Jordan's youngest creators.

Alham Hazazi and Intiyaz Bayd began their work of reviewing children's literary activities on July 12.

Their poems praise the mother of the hero who had risen against the invader. Traditions are the source of their inspiration; their favorite classics are Al Muta-nabbi and Al Maari.

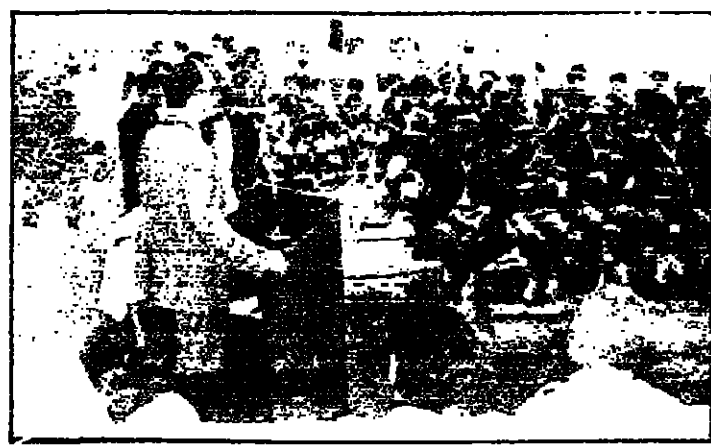
The present assembly was opened in Sofia on July 10 by its honorary patron Todor Zhivkov, State Council president of Bulgaria.

Under the motto "Unity, Creativity, Beauty" children from 111 countries meet each other and attempt to communicate.

It is a unique movement for creative development and many-sided cultural enrichment for the growing generations.

The Jordanian delegation, composed of five girls and five boys, also participates in reviewing children's music.

The World Children's Parliament held its session on July 19.



Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thouqan Hindawi Thursday addresses the participants in the general voluntary service camp in Ajloun (Petra photo)

Hindawi voices ministry's support for all camps

Music teachers graduate

AJLOUN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thouqan Hindawi Thursday said that the ministry supports all camps in the Kingdom and encourages participation in local, Arab and international camps. He also voiced the ministry's readiness to supply all scouting camps with necessary equipment.

Addressing the closing session of a general voluntary service camp for 106 students, organized by the ministry of education Summer Clubs Division, Hindawi said Jordan is based on two main pillars: the Hashemite leadership, which strives to serve and protect the Jordanian community and the youth who represent hope and confidence.

Hindawi added that the youth "have a duty to safeguard the land, develop it and to liberate the usurped part."

Hindawi voiced appreciation to camp participants for their voluntary services, which was held at the Ajloun permanent camp.

The camp director noted that the camp "promotes allegiance to Jordan and encourages youth to serve their country and the whole Arab nation."

The participants were said to have constructed boundary walls, stairs, paths, roofs for the workshop units and stage construction at the camp's permanent site.

At the end of the meeting, Hindawi presented participants with certificates of appreciation and awards to those who excelled in activities.

Hindawi said that the educational body in the Kingdom will extend all possible support to the conservatory in appreciation of the important role it plays in "spreading music on all levels."

He expressed his hope that music education would spread to all schools in the Kingdom.

Ina'am Al Mufti, director general of Noor Al Hussein Foundation and the patron of the conservatory, outlined the different activities of the foundation and pointed out that the foundation "has taken a very important step by establishing the conservatory," which she said, "will make substantial contributions in providing professional music teachers who will help raise the standard of music teaching in the Kingdom."

Jordanian women's gathering ends

AMMAN (Petra) — Youth Minister Awad Khleifat Thursday said that the ministry's activities are not confined to the sport only, as many youths might think, but also include other duties such as the inculcation of sense of belonging and love of homeland.

Addressing the closing session of the first national gathering for young Jordanian women abroad, which was held at the Hussein Sport City Palace of Culture, Khleifat highlighted the importance of the gathering saying that it is primarily designed to enhance the sense of belonging and love of the homeland "and to brief our Jordanian women abroad on the achievements Jordan has made in the various fields."

Khleifat hoped that the gathering will be held annually.

One of the participants in the gathering thanked the ministry for taking the initiative of holding the gathering, and for the efforts made to make this gathering a success.

Chairman of the committee supervising the gathering thanked



Youth Minister Awad Khleifat Thursday presents a participant of the First National Gathering for Young Jordanian Women Abroad with a certificate and a medal (Petra photo)

the participants and called on them to relay the information and knowledge they obtained to their colleagues abroad.

Dakhqan: Ministry to provide all citizens with clean drinking water

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Water and Irrigation will provide citizens with clean drinking water in all areas of the Kingdom through proper utilization of sterilisation equipment and training special cadres in this area.

Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan has instructed the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) to "close any source of water which is found to be unsuitable for drinking."

The ministry has also been instructed to intensify control measures on sources of water contamination and protect water reservoirs especially the Amman/Zarqa Reservoir.

The minister said factories in the Amman/Zarqa area "constitute a danger to drinking water in this important water reservoir."

Monte Carlo ballet performs on July 27

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ballets de Monte Carlo will present to the Jordanian audience two different programmes on July 27 and 28 at 9.00 p.m.

The first performance includes Concerto Barocco (Bach), Violon Concerto (Stravinsky), Theme and Variations (Tchaikovsky); the choreography of the three ballets is from Balanchine.

The second performance includes Just Another Dance (Saint-Saens/Wayne), La Vivandière - Pas de Six (Pugni/Saint-Léon), Esmeralda (Pugni/Perrot), Theme and Variations (Tchaikovsky/Balanchine).

The Ballets de Monte Carlo, which will be present in Jerash with 48 dancers, carry on the prestigious tradition of the "Ballets Russes" of Serge Diaghilev. They are currently placed under the direction of Sonia Mandel and Jean-Yves Esquerre, the latter having worked previously with the three main European choreographers, Maurice Bejart, John Neumeier and Jiri Kylian.

In a meeting with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Dakhqan said drinking water has been "misused by some private farm owners for irrigation. He said the WAJ used to provide these farms with drinking water but it was later found out that some farmers were using the water to irrigate their crops and in some cases were tampering with water metres so they would not have to pay up.

This violation by private farm owners, Dakhqan said, was "a primary cause for water shortage in villages and areas which would have been better provided."

Dakhqan said the authority has had to cut the water off in the 146 farms, all in the area between south Amman and Naour, which were found to be in violation of proper water usage and the immediate result was that many of the villages which were suffering

from water shortage started receiving a normal flow of drinking water.

Available water sources, Dakhqan said, were very limited and would not fulfil the full needs therefore, he said, "it has become imperative for us to ration water to the cities and villages in the Kingdom in a fair manner which would also cover home, agricultural and industrial needs of the different areas."

He said all available water sources in Jordan are ground water reservoirs, the most important of which are the Amman, Azraq, Mafraq, Aldalil, Sama Al Sarhan, Al Jafar, Adeissa, Wadi Arab reservoirs.

The minister pointed out that a number of these reservoirs have been overused which has resulted in the increase of salt in the water and the decrease of its volume, making it unsuitable for drinking or irrigation.

The minister warned that there is an increasing threat of losing the Azraq Reservoir, the main source of drinking water in the capital and its suburbs. He stressed that if measures are not adopted to decrease its use, along

with other reservoirs such as Wadi Arab, "we will lose them."

"The ministry is extending all its efforts to provide citizens with water," Dakhqan said. The most important projects under say are the Wadi Wala Project which is expected to provide the capital with 10-12 million cubic metres per year, and Al Wahda Dam to be constructed in the near future.

The minister also discussed the newly implemented project by WAJ to ration water during the summer months in the Kingdom to provide for the increase in demand during this time of the year.

The minister pointed out that subscribers to the WAJ owe the authority JD 6.5 million and that the authority is working towards collecting the money to be able to pay up on its expenses.

Petra also reported that Dakhqan chaired a meeting attended by the WAJ director general and managers of water authorities in the different governorates of the Kingdom, during which they discussed the water situation in each governorate vis-a-vis the latest plan by the authority to ration drinking water.

Syrian minister ends 3-day visit

AMMAN (Petra) — Syrian Minister of Reconstruction Marwan Farra left Amman Thursday at the end of a three-day official visit to Jordan during which he

held talks with Jordanian officials on bilateral cooperation in the fields of water, irrigation, public works and construction, specifically the construction of Al Wahda Dam on the Yarmouk River.

Farra said his visit came within the context of brotherly bilateral cooperation.

Farra praised Jordanian-Syrian relations, describing them as "unique and excellent."

He said during his visit, he signed an agreement for forming a joint venture with Jordanian, Syrian and Italian companies.

The joint venture company, Farra said, will start work on construction of the JD 2.5 million tunnel in the Wahda Dam area, at the beginning of next month.

Palestine pilgrims praise Jordan's services

MECCA (Petra) — Palestinian pilgrims, who came from the pre-1948 Israeli occupied Arab territories, praised the efforts of His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and the Jordanian government for the facilities accorded to them during their stay in Jordan.

At a meeting with Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, a Palestinian pilgrims delegation thanked the ministry for the arrangements and facilities offered to them, which enabled them to perform their religious rites smoothly and easily.

Awqaf Ministry Secretary General Abdul Salam Abbadi said arrangements have been made for the Jordanian pilgrims to go to Mount Arafat by bus on Friday afternoon.

Abbadi said 350 buses will carry Jordanian pilgrims to Mount Arafat, while the Saudi government will make arrangements to carry 400 pilgrims coming by air.

Abbadi also said the pilgrims camps in Arafat and Mina have been fully equipped to receive pilgrims.

Head of the Jordanian medical team accompanying the pilgrims, Abdul Halim Hiyasat said all Jordanian pilgrims are in good health, and are being looked after well.

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- Local and Arabic music by the Jordanian Armed Forces Band at the Forum, 6.30 p.m.
- Folk dance by Ma'an Folk Troupe, at the Forum 8.00 p.m.
- Children's play, at the Sound and Light Theatre, 8.00 p.m.
- Music and folk dance by the Egyptian National Folk Troupe, 9.30 p.m.
- Folk dance and music by the Greek Folk Troupe at the South Theatre, 7.30 p.m.
- Iraqi songs by the Iraqi singer Sa'adoun Al Jaber and the Iraqi Troupe, at the South Theatre 9.30 p.m.
- Poetry reading at Artemis Temple, 7.00 p.m.

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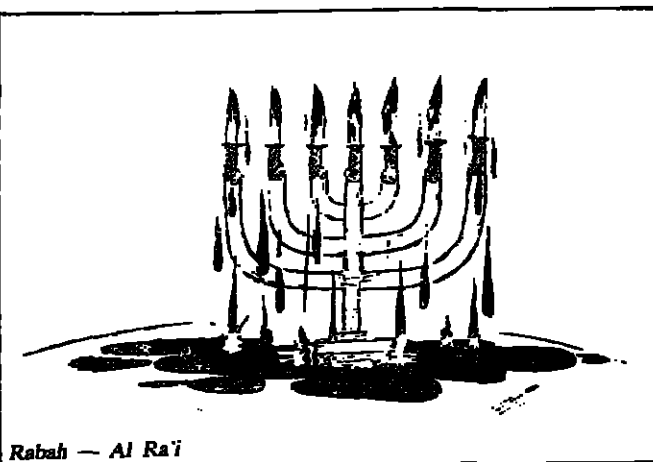
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Al Ra'i: Beware of "normalisation"

THE escalating wave of terrorist attacks against our kinsmen in the occupied Arab territories warrant more than an Arab move to counter this evil attack — it requires an international measure on the part of the whole international community to put an end to the fierce Israeli measures. However, it is clear now that the Israeli terrorists, through their continuous attempts to "normalise" their daily practices against the Arab citizens under Israeli occupation, aim to make world public opinion see in such practices "normal" daily things. The normalisation process is similar to that practised by the racial regime in South Africa, and therefore should be dealt with, with extreme care. Therefore, it is the duty of Arabs to prevent the Israelis from realising their objectives of making their brutal daily measures as only routine things, and to support the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people and to highlight it at the various levels. The Palestinian people in the occupied territories have demonstrated their resolve to counter the Israeli terrorism irrespective of the price such struggle would cost them. At the same time Jordan has always been keen on strengthening the belief that the Palestinian struggle is a genuine liberation revolution. The mere international sympathy with this revolution is no longer sufficient. It is high time for the international community to translate this sympathy into constructive action, and it is the duty of the Arabs to take the lead.

Al Dustour: Better late than never

THE recent criticism by the former American President Jimmy Carter of the oppressive Israeli measures against Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories might be prompted by internal political considerations aimed to achieve new gains for Carter's Democratic Party. While realising that it is difficult, even for the most sincere friends of Israel to view its measures as unacceptable or unjustifiable, it is clear that Carter's criticism was too late. Such criticism, along with increasing international condemnation of what is going on in the occupied Arab territories, do not carry any real prospect for putting an end to Israel's disregard for all human values and morals which the whole international community respects. In the light of the Israeli oppressive measures and the increasing number of Palestinian martyrs and wounded people, there is a need for continued struggle and for increased Arab support, because this is the only choice, given the Israeli rejection of all efforts aimed at holding an international peace conference. Carter's criticism, which can be interpreted as late recognition of the failure of the unilateral peace approach he was advocating, doesn't introduce any practical solution.

Sawt Al Shaab: Israel does not comprehend

THE increase in numbers of Palestinians killed or wounded during clashes with the Israeli occupation authorities indicates the Palestinians' determination and resolve of to counter Israel's oppressive measures. It also shows how the new Palestinian generation sacrifices its life for liberation from the shackles of the Israeli occupation which have closed their eyes and ears, who deny them of their legitimate rights, including their right to self-determination. The Israeli political institutions have reached a deadlock in dealing with the Palestinian people's revolt, because they still look at this revolution in their own terms, which lack objectivity. The Palestinian will, as expressed by the popular revolt, is an established fact which Israel cannot deny. It is time for some of Israel's enlightened forces, which view the Palestinian presence as a fait accompli which should be dealt with, to exercise pressure on the Israeli decision-makers to put an end to their daily measures against the Palestinian people. It is these escalating measures that gave birth to the popular Palestinian revolt.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Danger to Al Aqsa

THE concentration by the Israeli propaganda machine on the needs for the resumption of excavations at what Israel terms as "the tunnel of passion" and the Israeli government's allegations that it has received many calls from Jews to hold prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque, come to reaffirm that the first Muslim Kibla and the third mosque in Islam is now in jeopardy and is awaiting a calamity at the hands of the Israeli authorities. This situation makes it imperative on all Arabs to intervene promptly and firmly to foil the Israeli plan, which aims at desecrating the mosque. Arabs should bear in mind that it is not only the Arabs living in Jerusalem who should defend the mosque against the repeated Israeli aggressions, but the whole Arab and Muslim worlds, if they are really serious in safeguarding their holy shrine and defending their faith. It seems that the Israelis are going to grasp the opportunity now available, after the acceptance by Iran of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 598 calling for an end to the Gulf war to deal a blow to the Aqsa Mosque, thus achieving the goal it has long sought for.

Sawt Al Shaab: Ending the Gulf war

HOPES for an end to the 8-year old Gulf war have been revived following the announcement by the United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar that he will be sending a special U.N. team to work out the technical details of a cease-fire. This prompt action on the part of de Cuellar reflects the seriousness of the U.N. in its efforts to put an end to the destructive war, in accordance with the Security Council Resolution 598. The war, which have brought destruction to both warring sides and inflicted great losses on the entire region and threatened the interest of many world countries, has been drawn to an end, following the conviction by Iran that the rope of aggression is short and that their war with Iraq was futile. The end of the war should be accompanied by a mutual withdrawal and an exchange of prisoners of war, and the establishment of good neighbourhood relations between the two Muslim countries. The end of the war, pleasant as it is for the peace loving nations, is not pleasant for Israel which sees in it a threat, because it allows Iraq to use its heavy political and military weight in support of the Arab cause in Palestine.

American Jews and the intifada

By Mark Bruzonsky

FOR some years now a small but at times vocal minority of American Jews have talked about "mutual recognition," "Palestinian rights" and sometimes even the "two-state solution," including negotiations with the PLO. More recently a number of American Jews, organised around such groups as New Jewish Agenda and the American-Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, have started lobbying for the convening of an international peace conference that would bring together the Israeli government and the PLO at the negotiating table.

And yet, despite the concern and dismay being expressed by liberal and progressive segments of American Jewry, there have been certain sacred cows, certain tests of allegiance, certain matters of faith, which have greatly constrained American Jews from speaking out about some of the most basic issues in U.S.-Israeli relations. Indeed, it has at times appeared that the Israelis and their supportive "leaders" of the

American Jewish community have been willing to pay the price of having a little public dissension (nothing approaching, of course, what goes on in Israel) so long as the litmus test issues — American financial aid and the American-Israeli alliance — have remained sacrosanct.

"Galvanised into action by the intifada, a group of American Jews decided to speak out without the usual inhibitions."

The intifada has finally changed this situation. Galvanised into action by the Palestinian uprising, a group of independent American Jews, many of whom at one time or another have been involved with some of the important American Jewish organisations, decided that the time had finally come to speak out without the usual inhibitions. They have done so through a series of unusual advertisements

in the well-known leftist weekly *The Nation*, the influential *New York Review of Books*, and the daily *Christian Science Monitor*. At first this was an ad hoc effort. But when it became apparent that there was considerable support for the initial "statement," first published on 13 February, the groups decided to found the Jewish Committee on the Middle East (JCOMME) and to provide a serious alternative voice from within the American Jewish community.

JCOMME took a major step in this direction when it testified on 26 April before the Congressional Black Caucus "Hearing" on the uprising — an "unofficial" Congressional investigation since the CBC is not an officially constituted committee of the Congress, but nevertheless an event which was broadcast to millions on C-Span television and which will reach many others when the "Hearing" record is finally published in a few weeks.

What distinguishes JCOMME from all other American Jewish groups is the willingness and allegiance. The JCOMME "State-

ment", entitled *Time to Dissociate from Israeli Policies*, specifically calls for "a complete re-evaluation of what has become since 1967 the American sponsorship of Israel," including cutting back economic aid "to much smaller levels" and "radically reduced... military and intelligence assistance". Furthermore, by calling for a dissociation from Israeli policies JCOMME's position is actually an effort by influential American Jews to divorce the U.S. from the Jewish State, in other words to "normalise" the U.S.-Israeli relationship.

In articles and press interviews representatives of JCOMME have clearly noted that they feel it is the sovereign right and responsibility of Israeli citizens to "choose their own country's destiny, but at the very least the citizens of the United States should stop financing and supporting policies that are contrary to the principles and values we hold precious as Americans and Jews."

In addition to publishing their "Statement" and testifying before Congress, JCOMME has also

issued a public challenge to the leaders of the American Jewish community. In an advertisement which was highlighted with pictures of Tom Dine, head of the Jewish-Israeli lobby on Capitol Hill, and Morris Abrams, president of the President's Conference of Major American Jewish

According to a Gallup poll, 46 per cent of college-educated Americans favour the creation of a Palestinian state.

Organisations, JCOMME published an open letter challenging these two groups to join them in commissioning a public opinion poll to ascertain what American Jews really think about Israel's policies and the huge amounts of American aid now being provided to Israel at the rate of approximately \$10m a day.

In this open letter to Messrs. Abram and Dine the JCOMME executive committee noted that

according to a *Los Angeles Times* poll in April, 29 per cent of American Jews favour negotiations with the PLO, 56 per cent did not contribute anything to Israel last year, and nearly 66 per cent do not belong to any of the organisations that comprise what is euphemistically known as "the organised American Jewish community". Also, according to a Gallup poll in March, 46 per cent of college-educated Americans favour the creation of a Palestinian state and 41 per cent favour cutting off or reducing aid to Israel.

In his testimony to the Congressional committee, human rights expert Henry Schwarzschild noted that "American Jewish organisations... have made it difficult for the American people and the Congress to hear and understand the depth of anguish felt by many American Jews regarding Israeli behaviour."

The JCOMME "Statement" has been endorsed in recent months by over 500 American Jews including professors at 73 universities throughout the U.S. — Middle East International, London.

One million killed in war that sucked in superpowers

By Mariam Al Khalifa
Reuter

BAHRAIN — More than a million people have been killed in nearly eight years of war in the Gulf fought with sticks, gas, missiles, by chanting children and fighter pilots in a brutal blend of medieval and the modern.

The war, interrupted by Iran's acceptance of a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire Monday, sucked the great powers into the fringes of the conflict.

Anxious to keep the sealanes of the Gulf open and secure oil supplies through the Strait of Hormuz, both East and West sent warships to patrol the Gulf and protect their interests.

The United States had the most visible presence in the Gulf and its fleet of warships clashed several times with Iranian gunboats.

Then on July 3 the U.S. cruiser Vincennes shot out of the sky an Iran air passenger aircraft, killing all 290 people on board.

Washington said the aircraft was mistaken for a hostile F-14 fighter.

Iran's military supremo Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani Monday described the shooting-down of the Airbus as the deciding factor in his country's acceptance of the ceasefire.

"The watershed was the crash of our passenger plane that... came across as America's dec-

laration that it might commit huge crimes if Iran continues the war," Rafsanjani said.

Rafsanjani said that before talks could be held on the final solution of the issue (the war), foreign forces should leave the Gulf.

Dispute over territory

The war started with a dispute over territory — the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which runs down the Iran-Iraq border to the Gulf. It was shared as a key outlet for the oil exports of both.

Iraq said the first shots were fired on September 4, 1980, when Iran shelled Iraqi land along the border.

Less than two weeks later on September 17, 1980, Iraq tore up a 1975 treaty signed with the shah of Iran stipulating the border ran through the middle of the Shatt's deeper channel and the two nations would jointly control it.

According to Iran, the war was started by Iraq on the night of September 22-23, 1980, when Iraqi troops crossed the border along a 300-mile front and Iraqi planes bombed Tehran.

Iraq's Arab populace and Persian Iran have a centuries old history of ethnic and cultural antagonisms.

Baghdad feared the Iranian revolution, led by spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini,

would inflame Iraq's own Shi'ite Muslims — about half its 16 million population.

Baghdad hoped the Islamic republic would collapse when faced with invasion — it did not. The Iraqi offensives bogged down and Iran turned the tables, pushing into Iraqi territory and threatening Iraq's southern port city of Basra.

But the years of attrition took their toll on Iran and in mid-April this year it lost Iraq's southern Fao peninsula, occupied more than two years earlier.

Defeat followed defeat — Shalanchem, the Majnoon Islands, the towns of Dehloran and Mehran, Zubaidat and Halabja — Iran was on the retreat after years with the upper-hand.

More than one million killed

Reliable casualty figures are scarce in a conflict between countries that tightly control information and the tactics of which have included human-wave assaults and missile attacks on each other's capitals.

Conservative estimates put the toll at more than a million dead, including many civilians, but it is doubtful the true numbers of those buried on the battlefields will ever be known.

The International Committee of the Red Cross says Iran holds more than 40,000 Iraqi prisoners and Iraq about 12,000 Iranians. The battlefield has embraced

1,200 kilometres of border that twists from the mountain redoubts of Kurdish tribesmen near Turkey in the north through central deserts to swampy oilfields around Basra to the Gulf estuary.

Iraq got its military supplies from both the Soviet union and the Western powers and its bankroll from Arab oil states including Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

It had the edge in artillery and tanks and controlled the skies over the Gulf with fighter-bombers such as the French-made Super Etendard armed with lethal Exocet missiles.

Iran increasingly isolated under its fundamentalist Muslim leadership, had to rely on ageing, poorly-serviced U.S. equipment left over from the shah's military stockpiles.

Late in the war it did obtain such modern weaponry as Chinese-made Silkworm missiles and Soviet-made Scuds used to pound Iraqi cities.

But the Scud-missile threat was largely neutralised when Iraq acquired its own long-range missiles which it used to retaliate against Tehran.

Iran had relied on its overwhelming numbers (about 50 million) to offset its shortages of military supplies — its people were said by Gulf diplomats to be its strength.

But in the end its people wearied of war. Iran was unable

to mount a winter offensive late last year because of the shortage of volunteers — the supply of martyrs was drying up.

Rafsanjani said earlier this month that in future more emphasis would be placed on Iran's regular forces, although in the short-term the volunteers were still needed.

Armies, armies

Iran had an army estimated at a million-strong, including revolutionary guards and reserves. Some military analysts said there were another 2.5 million Islamic paramilitary volunteers waiting to back them up.

Iraq had an army of 845,000 men, including active reserves, according to the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Iran used the sheer weight of numbers to launch attacks against Iraqi positions. Some of its offensives involved mass assaults by Muslim zealots, including young children armed with sticks and promises of death that would lead them to paradise.

Khomeini later ordered the use of children stopped but only after Iraq used poison gas to stem the waves of attackers, for which it was condemned by the U.N. in March 1986.

But it was the tanker war, not the huge battles on land that ensnared the great powers.

Starting with an air attack on an Iranian ship in May 1981, Iraq tried to strangle Iran's oil lifeline by battering the tankers that ferried crude from the Kharg Island oil terminal to the world's oil markets.

A sideshow at first, the tanker war escalated in 1984 and it was not long before Iraq's exocet attacks on Iranian tankers were being replied to fit-for-fit by Iranian helicopter gunships and gunboats firing rocket-propelled-grenade. Lloyd's shipping intelligence said Monday a total of 546 ships had been attacked or damaged in the war.

The United States was drawn more deeply into the conflict in May 1987, when its frigate the USS Stark was hit by an Iraqi aircraft, killing 37 servicemen. Iraq said it was an accident.

In July 1987, the United States re-flagged 11 Kuwaiti tankers and ordered the navy to escort them through the Gulf to the emirate's northern terminals. Then after a mine incident which damaged one of its frigates the U.S. navy on April 18 this year crippled Iran's southern Gulf naval force in a series of battles. It later extended protection to neutral ships.

The sea-battles came a day after Iraq moved to recapture the Fao peninsula — for Iran it signalled the beginning of the end in the Gulf war.

Israelis pay dearly for exploiting Palestinians

Editor's note: The Palestinian Human Rights Information Centre (PHRIC) in Jerusalem has been publishing an "uprising update," which aims to clarify the existing human rights situation as it develops in the occupied territories, as the uprising entered its eighth month. The information bulletin is distributed in cooperation with the Database Project on Palestinian Human Rights, whose international office is in Chicago. These updates will be published in the Jordan Times as they are received. Included in these information bulletins are lists of those killed during the uprising, as confirmed by

the International Committee of the Red Cross, lists of detainees, and updated human rights reports as they develop. While some sources and background material is publicly available, most of the information comes from first hand reports, fieldworker visits to hospitals, refugee camps, towns and villages, and from working relationships between the PHRIC and other institutions in the occupied territories. The material is collected and verified in Jerusalem and sent to Chicago, where the updates are produced and distributed internationally.

As of May 16, the intifada had cost the Israeli government \$625,000,000, according to Gad Yacobi.

By the end of May, according to Schumel Goren, the intifada was wearing down and that the key issue was "undermining the motivation" by forcing Palestinians' connection to the civil administration with Operation ID in Gaza and the insistence on permits and tax payments. Without tax payments, Goren argued, it was impossible for the Israel government to supply services to Palestinians. As of June 1 the Civil Administration froze all "development projects, welfare assistance and medical care payments while it reassess its budget... The development budget includes funds for local authorities, health services, road building, electricity grids, water works, and phone systems. In recent weeks the Civil Administration has stopped welfare payments to Palestinian recipients and cut payments for hospitalisation in Israel," according to the Jerusalem Post, June 2, 1988.

Over \$800,000,000 in taxes have been taken from the territories since 1967, from Palestinians working in Israel, and not directed back into the territories, according to Meron Benvenist. The yearly expense to Israel is \$1350 per person in Israel and \$185 per person in the territories. The \$185 includes "order keeping" in the territories.

Speaking in late May Rabin stressed the annual \$500,000,000-700,000,000 in wages Palestinian workers in Israeli reportedly earn (approximately 40% of which is taken for taxes and such services as unemployment compensation

and health care, none of which is available to the workers despite the payments). He did not mention the estimated annual \$800,000,000 that goes back into Israel in addition to taxes, as the territories' balance of payment deficit in trade with Israel.

Remittance money for the territories is being taken from Palestinian-Americans arriving at Tel Aviv airport on a scale which it is impossible to estimate. On May 19, for example, one Jerusalem office received complaints of confiscation from over 10 people from one incoming flight. The amounts confiscated ranged from \$5600 to \$24,000. All were holders of American Green Cards or citizenship. Mohammad Said Mikhmas from Ramallah reported \$85,000 confiscated from him March 20. While the Israelis have posted a JD 400 (US\$1200) limit on residents of the territories crossing the bridges from Jordan, no such limit has been posted regarding people entering through the airport. There are no limits to the money permitted to bring with them. A cursory check among American travel agents dealing with Palestinians travelling to the territories reveals the confiscation problem to be practically universal. Amounts nearing \$100,000 have been reported confiscated.

While the Israelis claim that the confiscated funds are being brought into the country to support the intifada, this is not necessarily the case (nor, of course, would it justify the procedure). As the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been systematically underdeveloped and their agricultural and industrial economic bases

destroyed in the course of the Israeli occupation, people remaining in the territories have increasingly relied on remittances for prosperity, economic stability and, in some cases, survival. But 1980 remittances, both public and private, accounted for almost one-fourth of the Gross Domestic Product of the West Bank and fully one-third of the GDP of the Gaza Strip. While these percentages declined after 1982 with the recession in the Gulf, remittances have continued to be a significant part of Palestinian economic life under occupation. Under the economic hardships of the intifada the remittance payments have become essential.

Janan al-Bitar, who is on the Board of Directors of the Red Crescent in Nablus, was arrested May 23 and JD 100,000 (U.S.\$300,000) confiscated from her home. In Gaza a family found NIS 1500 (U.S.\$1000) and a gold necklace missing after the army had raided May 31.

Tax collectors have been accompanying army raids in villages. On May 29, for example, the army moved into Rujib (Nablus) accompanied by tax collectors and people from the planning department. The village was placed under curfew. People in five houses were warned that their houses would be destroyed if they did not come to the planning office for licences. Fines ranging from JD 500 (U.S.\$1500) to JD 4800 (U.S.\$14,400) were levied against ten shops. In addition, the army destroyed a stable, uprooted over 20 trees and arrested 30 youths. Tax collectors have also accompanied the army on raids on Beit Sahour June 6 and Bethlehem June 7. Tax

roadblocks continued to be set up along major roads.

For the most part the army appears to have temporarily ceased attempting to force shops open during closed hours and closed during open hours. The trial of the Jerusalem merchants who refused to comply with army pressure for hours is still pending. Thirty-one shops were reopened in Bethlehem May 26; tax collectors began immediately pressuring the merchants for payment. In Kalkilya merchants publicly destroyed VAT and tax records May 31. Teachers dismissed by Israel in the Nablus area have not been receiving their salaries from Jordan as of May 19. People from a-Tul (Tulkarm) and Beit Lid (Nablus) have not been permitted to travel to Jordan for over four months.

In Gaza City a wedding shop was closed for three years June 2 on the accusation that it made nails youths placed in the streets to prevent people from working in Israel. In Hebron May 29 Israelis stopped two cars loaded with clothing, confiscated the clothing and said it would cost JD 1000 (U.S.\$3000) to get the clothing back. In ash el-Ursa Society in al-Bireh was raided on June 8.

The destruction of houses has become a major threat and reality. One hundred and fourteen houses are currently threatened with destruction as unlicensed in Ithna village. Villagers were initially given 5 days to appeal the demolitions, while the village was under siege. Less than 1% of the houses in the village of 15,000 are licensed. A house belonging to Kamel al-Garabli had already been destroyed in Ithna May 22 on the grounds that a molotov had been thrown near it. Six houses were destroyed as unlicensed in Dura and Beit Kahl May 25; two houses were sealed in Ein Dyuk (Jericho) the same day on the pretext that molotovs had been thrown from the neighbourhood. People who provided alternative housing to the dispossessed were told that those houses would be destroyed if they continued to live there. A business where stones were cut for construction was destroyed in

Kalkilya at midnight May 26, on the pretext that stones had been thrown from it. One house was destroyed in Gaza City May 29. Two houses were sealed in Azaria at 1:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. May 30. People were given a half hour to remove their belongings. The same day a room was sealed in Kalandya refugee camp and a house in Kufr Ra'e (Jenin) demolished as unlicensed. Three houses in Akabe (Nablus), two of which belonged to brothers, were ordered destroyed June 6 on the grounds that people who threw stones hid in them. The same day Benny Katzover's daughter, who had been one of the settler children protected by Beita villagers, declared that the whole of Beita should have been destroyed except those people who had sheltered them.

Neve Decalim spokesmen blasted the Israeli government June 7 for failing to demolish dozens of Arab houses built on 'state land', demanded that two new settlements be built in Gaza and demanded that the people in Canada Camp (across the border with Egypt, adjacent to Rafah refugee camp) be denied repatriation.

The army tear gassed a chicken coop, setting it on fire in Anabta May 20; 120 chickens and many eggs were destroyed. Women came to put the fire out despite a curfew on the village. The Israelis said that rocks had been thrown at patrols from the coop.

Three Palestinian factories near Ramallah warned they might have to go out of business.

LETTERS

Things that happen again and again

To the Editor:

TWO stampedes at Jerash in less than a week and I was still optimistic, proclaiming that "these things happen." But some things absolutely should not.

Struggling to get into the South Theatre while the rail was still open, I saw the man in front of me suddenly being jerked up and violently thrown onto a big rock by the side of the railing. His ticket, ripped the usual four times was thrown to the ground by the same uniformed official who cast him aside and was now screaming abusive remarks to the effect that this helpless person was a "madman."

As he struggled to get up, I realised that he was slightly handicapped and needed his cane — which was now two metres away. I asked the official to help him up and let him in, since he had a ticket and wasn't hurting anyone. "We don't want him of any of his kind in here," came the piercing reply.

It is worthy to note that in the civilised world, which we are constantly attempting to be a part of, "his kind" or handicapped people are given priority treatment in all public places in order to compensate for their disabilities.

To expect priority treatment for the handicapped here is a little naive it seems, but can't we try to be a little humane?

Rafael Monaster
Amman

Democrat debate on Palestine represents major victory for Arab Americans — Zogby

By Rania Attala
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Arab Americans have scored a major "victory" by simply having the question of Palestine debated, rather than voted on, at this week's Democratic national convention in Atlanta, according to the director of an Arab-American Organisation.

"The silence has finally been broken at the official level of the party," said James Zogby, director of the Arab American Institute (AAI), an organisation that advocates involvement by Arab Americans in the American political scene.

"Having the question of Palestine debated on the floor of the national convention of the Democratic Party was a major victory in itself. The issue has never been debated before... and we were making history," Zogby said.

The camps of Massachusetts

Governor Michael Dukakis and the Reverend Jesse Jackson were able to negotiate away their differences on the platform, and in a pre-arranged agreement between the two camps, Jackson's proposal to have a plank endorsing "self-determination" for the Palestinians, was withdrawn before a vote was called.

"The Dukakis people did not want the question debated or talked about in public before the convention," Zogby said. "We finally agreed to have the debate but not to have a vote on the issue," he added.

Speaking from Atlanta to reporters in Jordan through a Worldnet link-up Thursday, Zogby, a Jackson delegate from the District of Columbia, said the decisive factor for Arab Americans was not to take a vote on the issue but to have it "aired before the American public."

Zogby said the question of

moving the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was not on the Democratic platform this year, a factor which he viewed positively. In addition, he said, this year there was "no anti-Arab and anti-PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) reference" in the platform.

"While we did not get the language we wanted, we were able to inhibit other language from appearing in the platform and we have established that there has to be sensitivity to our concern," Zogby said in reference to Arab Americans.

He said the seven-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza had served to "humanise the Palestine question," bringing about a lasting change in the political equation and in the American people's mind. He added that Arab Americans were using election campaigns in order to bring the Palestine question to the heart of American electoral politics.

"The problem we face is how to move from public opinion to policy," Zogby said. "We have focused on the policy question and that is what brought us to the

national convention."

Shultz plan

Zogby said he did not expect any breakthroughs in peace negotiations on the Middle East before the Nov. 8 presidential elections, and added that although the latest American peace plan for the region was "inadequate" it had "established some facts in American life."

"The fact that Americans have now begun to think about an international peace conference is important," Zogby said.

In addition, the plan, pursued by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, had put into focus the idea of "land for peace," Zogby said, adding that Shultz's meeting with Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu Lughod, members of the Palestine National Council (PNC) earlier this year, made a significant breakthrough in American public attitude.

"By fixing the land-for-peace formula, by educating people about the need for an international peace conference, and by making this movement towards talking to the PLO, (the Shultz plan) has established a foundation that



James Zogby

needs to be built upon," Zogby said.

"We need to continue to criticise the inadequacies of the Shultz initiative," Zogby said. "But we also need to see that it has elevated to some extent the public debate and helped us in our work."

Zogby said that in 10 states, Arab American delegates were elected to precinct, county, congressional and district caucuses, and more than 300 Arab American delegates were elected to state conventions.

He said more than 50 Arab American delegates participated in the Atlanta convention, 35 of whom were Jackson supporters while 10 supported Dukakis.

Iran dismisses U.N. statement on Airbus downing as too weak

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iran's Foreign Ministry criticised as too weak the United Nations resolution deploring the downing of an Iranian jetliner by a U.S. Navy missile, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Friday.

The Security Council showed how incapable it is when investigating the crimes of a permanent and veto-holding member state, and showed to what extent it keeps distant from justice," said the statement.

The Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution Wednesday expressing "its deep distress at the downing of an Iranian civil aircraft by a missile fired from a U.S. warship and profound regret over the tragic loss of innocent lives."

All 290 people on the plane died July 3 when it was shot down over the southern Gulf while on a flight from Iran to Dubai. The United States said its missile cruiser USS Vincennes mistook the jetliner for a fighter jet trying to attack the warship.

Iran had sought a U.N. condemnation of the United States but had been unable to muster enough votes.

The five permanent members of the Security Council with veto power are the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China. The current temporary members are Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Japan, Nepal, Senegal, West Germany, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

The IRNA report, monitored in Nicosia, said 180 bodies have been recovered from the Gulf and the search for the plane's flight recorder continues.

Diplomats said the Security Council decided to delete controversial portions to ensure passage of the brief resolution. It took out a sentence proposed by

Iran calling on foreign naval forces to reassess their presence in the Gulf, and also deleted strong language of condemnation of the U.S. military action.

The resolution also "welcomes the decision of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), in response to the request of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 'to institute an immediate fact-finding investigation to determine all relevant facts and technical aspects of the chain of events relating to the flight and destruction of the aircraft' and welcomes the announcements by the United States of America and by the Islamic Republic of Iran of their decisions to cooperate with the ICAO investigation."

The resolution urged all parties to the 1944 Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation to fully observe all rules and practices concerning safety of civil aviation.

The document also said the council "stresses the need for a full and rapid implementation of its Resolution 598 of 1987, as the only basis for a comprehensive, just, honourable and durable settlement of the conflict between Iran and Iraq."

It reaffirmed support for Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in implementation of the resolution that calls for a ceasefire, troop withdrawal, prisoner exchange, impartial body to determine the "aggressor" and a comprehensive peace settlement.

U.S. Ambassador Vernon Walters told the council "the

Airbus accident is only part of a much larger human tragedy: the Iran-Iraq war."

He said the United States welcomes Iran's announcement that it fully accepts Resolution 598 and said, "now a large obstacle has been overcome."

Walters said, "we intend to stick with our effective Gulf policy... once tensions decrease and the threat to Western interests dissipates, then the level of our naval presence will naturally be reduced."

He emphasised the U.S. naval presence "is a force for peace... in support of regional states whose interests and those of the West face a very real threat."

Walters said the council resolution put the Airbus disaster "in proper perspective" and said the "senseless" conflict in the Gulf must end.

Earlier, Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Jafar Mahallati told the council that U.S. arguments in the airliner case, its expression of regret and offer of compensation to victims' families were inadequate.

He said the United States must apologise to the families of the victims and to the government of Iran. He said it also must acknowledge full moral and legal responsibility and liability for shooting down the airliner.

The United States, he said, also must reassess its presence in the Gulf "which led to the murder of innocent passengers."

"The United States added insult to injury by offering charity to the victims," Mahallati said. "And most significantly, the United States has refused to give any indication of withdrawing from the crowded waters of the Persian Gulf, thereby risking the same crime again."

Carbomb kills 7 in W. Beirut

BEIRUT (AP) — A car bomb exploded near a Syrian army checkpoint in west Beirut Friday, killing seven people and wounding 47, police said.

A yellow Mercedes-Benz packed with 15 kilograms of TNT connected to a timing device detonated between a pharmacy and a gas station in the predominantly Muslim, working class Cola district at 10:40 a.m. (0740 GMT) about 20 metres from the Syrian checkpoint, police said.

They said most of the victims were Lebanese civilians from the gas station and three adjacent high-rise apartment buildings that sustained severe damage.

Police and security sources said the casualties included three Lebanese army soldiers who were driving through the area in a jeep.

Their charred bodies were dragged from their burned out vehicle.

Rescue teams struggled to evacuate the wounded to hospitals.

Ambulances raced through the debris-strewn streets. Shattered glass from nearby buildings covered the street. The acrid smoke from burning cars filled the air.

Pieces of charred flesh lay among the wrecked vehicles. Pools of blood spattered the street.

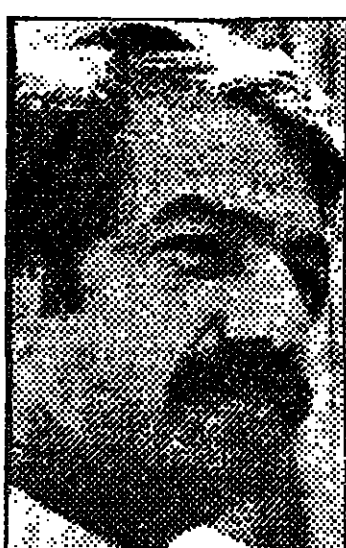
When the explosion ripped through the quarter the street was packed with civilians heading for Friday prayers at a nearby mosque.

There was no responsibility claim for the bombing, which appeared a blow aimed at Syria's law-enforcing mission in the western sector of the Lebanese capital.

The Syrians maintain a military intelligence base near Afir Tibi street in the Cola district a few metres from the road checkpoint.

We have not been informed of any Syrian casualties," said a police officer.

ADC decries U.S. prosecutor's comments involving pro-Libyans



Abdeen Jabara

WASHINGTON (AP) — The president of an Arab-American group has protested remarks by a prosecutor who said a man arrested for pro-Libyan activities was involved in a plot to assassinate a high U.S. official later identified as Oliver North.

The head of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) called the comments by U.S. attorney Henry Hudson "inciteful attempts to prejudice the case with negative pre-trial publicity."

"Since no evidence or charges were brought concerning the alleged North plot, then no case really exists," said ADC President Abdeen Jabara.

Hudson made the comments in a court appearance Wednesday in Alexandria, Virginia, by six men charged with using money sent

from Libya to support pro-Libya demonstrations in the United States and finance travel to Libya by American minorities. Two other men were charged in the same case in Denver and Ann Arbor, Michigan.

During the Alexandria court appearance, Hudson said one of those charged, Mousa Hawamda "was involved in a potential plot to assassinate a high government official of the United States." A government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, later identified the target as North.

Jabara said he was concerned the case was based more on politics than law partly because of the "outrageous remarks by the government... which have alluded to phantom plots to assassinate Oliver North, unsubstantiated allegations which are not even part of the charges in this case."

One of Hawamda's attorneys, Russell Gaspar, said in an interview that "we deny on behalf of Hawamda involvement in any sort of assassination plot." He said he and Hawamda's other attorney, Ray Hanna, would seek to have their client released.

Six of the eight arrested were described as members of the People's Committee for Libyan Students, based in McLean, Virginia. The other two were the owner of the Manara Travel Agency and an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Hawamda is the travel agency owner.

All were charged with violating a licence allowing the student organisation to provide financial support for Libyan students in the United States and Canada.

Jabara also said his office has received a recent rash of calls from Arab-Americans across the nation who have been harassed by the FBI with unannounced visits intended to seek information about political views and activities as opposed to criminal activities.

Sue Schnitzer, an FBI spokeswoman, had no immediate comment regarding Jabara's remarks.

Iraqis launch major ground offensive

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of a genuine peace treaty via direct talks."

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said President Saddam Hussein returned from the front in the evening after personally supervising the latest offensive.

He briefed the ruling Revolutionary Command Council on the progress of the fighting, the agency reported.

"God supported the Iraqi forces and they destroyed the enemy positions, capturing thousands of enemy troops and immense quantities of supplies and weapons," the agency quoted a later military communiqué as saying.

Iraq identified the area it took as the Saif Saad region, a disputed territory which Iraq claims under the terms of a 1975 agreement between the two countries.

Khomeini Friday repeated that he wanted a solid peace and his decision to accept U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 ordering a ceasefire was not a ploy.

Khomeini and President Ali Khamenei both urged military forces to remain on guard against Iraqi attacks until a firm ceasefire was in force.

Khamenei, in an apparent reference to Iraqi insistence on direct talks, said Baghdad's diplomatic "bickering" could derail a truce.

Iran initially resisted direct

talks but the Iranian president, addressing Tehran's mass Friday prayers, said the time might arise for such a meeting.

"Right now the U.N. secretary general is the go-between and he should do his work, but the course of events could lead to direct talks."

In the address carried by Tehran Radio, Khamenei also urged the United Nations to expedite preparations for a ceasefire.

The radio said units of Iraq's Second Army Corps seized the Iranian border town of Qasr-e Shirin, 560 kilometres southwest of Tehran, after heavy fighting in which the Iraqis allegedly used chemical weapons extensively.

The Iraqis were now advancing towards Sar Pol-e Zahab, 40 kilometres inside the border, it said.

Battles were also raging at Changleh on the south central front and an Iraqi attack near the Kurdish town of Sardasht on the northern front was suppressed, it said.

The radio quoted a military communiqué as saying Iranian forces killed or wounded 5,000 Iraqi soldiers, set 100 tanks and personnel carriers ablaze and shot down two Iraqi jets and two helicopters.

Iraq, saying the offensive on all fronts was aimed at taking Iranian prisoners, dismissed the casualty figures and denied losing

any aircraft.

Khomeini, in a meeting with Revolutionary Guards Commander Mohsen Rezaei, said Iran wanted a lasting peace but would respond to Iraqi attacks on the war front.

Khamenei said Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi had telephoned him Thursday to relay Baghdad's position that it wanted peace, not just a ceasefire.

"I told him any peace would start with a ceasefire," he said. "We want all the articles of the resolution, not just the ceasefire. It should be implemented in its entirety through the efforts of the secretary general."

Apart from a ceasefire, the resolution calls for withdrawal of troops to internationally recognised boundaries, exchange of prisoners, and an inquiry into who bears responsibility for starting the war.

Perez de Cuellar has sent a team of U.N. truce experts to the Gulf to prepare for a ceasefire. It is due to arrive in Tehran Sunday and travel to Baghdad afterwards.

At the United Nations, an Iranian spokesman confirmed that a U.N. team of military experts would arrive in Tehran Sunday to work on implementation of the ceasefire.

He said the team, led by Lieutenant General Martin Vadset of Norway, would spend three days in Iran and then go to Iraq

by way of Turkey.

Friday's Iraqi communiqué, citing lessons learned from the Arab-Israeli wars, described the offensive as a precautionary measure and stressed Iraq's desire for peace.

"We want to end the war completely... we want enduring and comprehensive peace and not a temporary ceasefire," it said.

The communiqué said Israel had used occupied Arab lands as "a hostage for blackmail and cards of pressure to achieve illegal gains."

"Therefore, we have decided not to leave any part of our lands under enemy occupation... since the war is not over and having in mind that one of the main conditions for peace is to rid the Iranian rulers from the illusion that they can blackmail the Arab Nation and Iraq," it said.

It added that the offensive was aimed at "regaining what remained of Iraqi territory (held by Iran), destroying the enemy's forces and capturing many prisoners to balance them with our prisoners as a means for their safe return to their families."

Red Cross figures say Iran holds about 50,000 Iraqi soldiers while Iraq has about 12,000 Iranians. Iraq had previously reported capturing about 8,000 prisoners since mid-April.

A full exchange of prisoners is among the provisions of Resolution 598.

Sudan braces for locust battle

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan is facing a war of attrition against giant swarms of desert locusts which started arriving in Africa's largest country in the past week.

Locust-control experts said Thursday two huge swarms had invaded areas near the Chad and Ethiopian borders in the west and east respectively. A third swarm, covering 135 square kilometres, settled west of Khartoum's twin city of Omdurman Monday.

The experts told Reuters smaller swarms had been sighted elsewhere and more swarms were expected from eastern Chad, the Ethiopian province of Eritrea and possibly northwest Saudi Arabia.

The invasion of the desert locusts comes when Sudan's agriculture-based economy is already grappling with the effects of a persistent drought which was the main reason why staple crops failed in the 1987/88 season.

The experts said the swarms had so far caused little or no damage to agriculture because they arrived during the sowing season.

"There is just nothing for them to eat at the moment," said Keith Cressman, of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

But Cressman and the other experts said they feared the lack of food could drive the locusts to the lush green fields of the central

region, backbone of the country's agriculture industry, where vegetation is in abundance.

"One more bad harvest can mean a real disaster for Sudan," said one expert.

The experts said they would be

combating an enemy which was, by available evidence, well-organised, unpredictable and knew only too well where to find food.

They said they would seek vehicles, planes, communications equipment and pesticides.

Abu Nidal group denies Greek charge

BEIRUT (R) — A radical Palestinian group led by Abu Nidal said Thursday that Khadar Samir Mohammad, accused by Greece of masterminding the attack on a Greek tourist ship last week, had been dead for three years.

The Fateh Revolutionary Council (FRC), in a statement issued to an international news agency in west Beirut, denied responsibility for the assault on the packed tourist ship City of Poros.

"Following American accusations against our group and what was said by a Greek security government minister, I assert that our factional movement has no links to this incident," said the statement, signed by the group's spokesman, Atef Abu Baker.

"Khadar Samir Mohammad

whose name has been mentioned received the honour of martyrdom in 1985 and he was buried in an official manner," it added, without giving the circumstances of his death.

Greek Public Order Minister Anastassios Sefioris said Wednesday Hejab Jaballa, who he said orchestrated the assault on the packed tourist ship in which eight passengers were killed and 80 wounded aboard, was in fact Khadar.

Police said the fingerprints of both Khadar and Jaballa, who Sefioris said had been in Greece since June 1 preparing for the guerrilla operation, matched.

Greek police launched a nationwide dragnet for Khadar and alerted other security forces around the world.

Dukakis unites party ranks

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rival for the nomination, black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, Dukakis appeared to have abolished party fears that he was too dull and uninspiring to win the White House.

Jackson, who established himself as perhaps the party's finest orator with a brilliant convention address Tuesday, turned to former President Jimmy Carter on the podium and according to Carter said:

"It was the greatest speech I've ever heard. Right on. He's going to make a great president."

Colorado Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder declared with admiration: "He put the hay down where the lambs can get it."

Even before Dukakis spoke, an ABC opinion poll said he now led Bush by 53 to 41 per cent, a significant jump from just three days ago when Bush led 46-45 in the same survey.

On Friday, Dukakis and running mate Lloyd Bentsen were to begin three-day campaign trip that starts in Texas, Bentsen's

home state. It is also the adopted home of Bush. Thus, the trip is both a symbolic homecoming for Bentsen and a strong reminder that the Democratic ticket intends to battle for Texas, the third most populous state.

They then go to cities in California and the midwest, which have shown strong Republican sentiments in recent elections.

Thousands of exuberant delegates cheered and waved American flags, Dukakis placards and hand-made signs as Dukakis, his wife, Kitty, and other party leaders assembled on the stage of the Omni Convention Centre at the end of the four-day gathering.

With Jesse Jackson joining the other leaders, the party was able to demonstrate a degree of unity that has eluded it in infighting of recent years.

Dukakis, who had watched previous sessions from his hotel suite, made his first appearance in the convention for the speech after delegates embraced his selection of Bentsen.

Bentsen was nominated by acclamation, and without opposi-

Israel beefs up presence

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The firebombs were apparently to be thrown at paramilitary border police during the usual Palestinian protest after prayers, according to the sources quoted by Reuters.

The woman and her husband, both Israeli Arabs, were arrested. After the Al Aqsa sermon, a young man was suddenly heard over loudspeakers shouting for action by Muslims. He was quickly relieved of the microphone.

In another development Friday, Arab Americans said they were being harassed by Israeli authorities, and a top U.S. diplomat urged them to stand up for their rights and file complaints with U.S. consular officials.

"We are here to help try to protect the civil rights... of our fellow Americans," said Philip Wilcox, U.S. consul-general in Jerusalem. "We urge you, if you are experiencing problems, to come to us."

He addressed about 200 Arab Americans at a gathering called by the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), a Washington-based lobbying group which plans to open a Jerusalem chapter.

On Thursday, troops shot dead an Israeli Arab teenager during clashes in the occupied West Bank, the first Israeli Arab killed in the uprising, the army said.

An army spokesman said the 17-year-old boy was killed when soldiers opened fire on protesters near the West Bank city of Tul-karem.

Palestinian sources identified him as Mohammad Ahmad Taher Sayef, from the village of Arara. Arabs returned Sayef's body to Arara and buried him there, the daily Hadashot newspaper reported Friday.

In their latest leaflet, leaders of the uprising told Palestinians to stage mass protests instead of the usual festivities during 'Eid Al Adha.

"Festivities, except for prayers, must be cancelled during the 'Eid, and religious sermons must focus on the intifada and the dangers faced by the holy places," said communiqué number 22.

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Kuwait anticipates business boom

KUWAIT (AP) — Iran's acceptance of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598, which envisages a settlement in its eight-year-old war with Iraq, has created a buoyant atmosphere among Gulf economists, financiers and officials about business prospects in their region.

In one measure or another, they saw the possible ending of hostilities as creating a wave of confidence that would lead to a boom in business and trade, a return of petrodollar capital to the area and a scramble by multinational companies for infrastructure contracts.

"The return of confidence will reactivate the trade cycle in the short run and prompt hesitant private sector and shareholding companies to reconsider their investment policies and invest money in new ventures which will become worthwhile in the new conditions of stability," Ziad Taqi, head of the economic department at the National Bank of Kuwait, said in an interview with the Associated Press.

Taqi predicted the emergence of "a rich and extensive market" in the Gulf particularly if littoral states and industrialised countries entered into arrangements to finance the economic and social infrastructure and rehabilitation projects in Iraq and Iran.

"Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait constitute a big rich market," he said.

"The development projects in the area provide a buoyant market for foreign companies, particularly contractors," he said. Taqi predicted the return of regional capital invested in industrialised countries once peace settled, because "there will be adequate investment outlets in a stable climate."

Kuwait in particular has been

hard hit by the war as the hostilities dragged on. Its proximity to the warfront, so far the bane of Kuwait, could turn into a boon for it.

Being the closest to the two belligerents it is expected to strive and easily place itself as the staging-point for the international contractors who will want to capitalise on the massive reconstruction projects that Iraq and Iran should launch.

Kuwait had been in the forefront of Iranian-fired missiles and menace to vital shipping lanes as the Tehran rule of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini accused it and Saudi Arabia of abetting the Iraqi military effort.

Its flourishing reexport transit trade with Iraq and Iran has been reduced to practically nil, as it tried to cope along with other Gulf littoral states with a region-wide recession brought about by the war and its offshoots, and the simultaneously dropping oil prices on world markets.

Additionally, Kuwait has been afflicted by the crash of its para-

lel stock exchange in the summer of 1982, and is until now trying to settle an outstanding \$96 billion in post-dated checks.

Jassem Al Saadoun, a prominent Kuwaiti economist who heads the Shail Consultancy Bureau, said he believed that stock prices will rise after the cease-fire to a certain level then retreat before rising again to new levels. "Then they will settle there with selective dealings dominating the stock market," he said.

Share prices have already soared over the past three days. Brokers were confident that an end to the war on Kuwait's doorstep will bring about an economic boom boosted by the need of Iraq and Iran to depend on Kuwaiti capital and entrepreneurs.

On Tuesday more than 85 million shares were traded on Kuwait's official and parallel markets with a value of more than 20 million dinars (\$72 million), the most in a single day since March 1987.

"The buoyant stock market is considered normal in the after-

math of Iran's acceptance of cease-fire," said Ibrahim Shehab, manager of Al Itihad brokerage company. "The dealers now have conviction about stability in the region," he added.

Shehab predicted "an extraordinary prosperity at the stock market after the Muslim festivities (starting Saturday)."

The minister of state for services, Issa Al Mazidi, told reporters he expected "a substantial growth in trade in Kuwait and other Gulf states when the war comes to an end." He also predicted that shipping agencies "will resume their intensive work in the Gulf when the navigation becomes safe."

The minister considered the docking of 14 ships at Kuwait's Shuwaikh port Wednesday, compared to two or three ships daily over the past few years, as a signal of the improving navigation conditions in the Gulf.

Al Mazidi called on insurance underwriters to reconsider their high premiums which had been decided in the light of increasing danger in the Gulf.

USAID grants \$7m to back projects in Gaza and W. Bank

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian government Thursday signed a \$7 million grant agreement with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to support the development programme for the occupied territories.

The grant will be used to contribute to the financing of developmental projects in the fields of health, education, roads, water and electricity and social development, Petra reported.

The agreement was signed by Planning Minister Taher Kanaan and U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarth and USAID Deputy Director Richard Johnson.

The USAID's contributions to the occupied territories have reached \$25.5 million since 1986.

W. Germany to finance 3 projects in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and the Federal Republic of Germany Thursday signed an agreement for the financing of three projects as part of the West German technical assistance programme for the year 1987-88.

The DM 5.1 million agreement includes a project for the establishment of a production centre for scientific and technical equipment for the Ministry of Education at a cost of DM 2 million.

The centre would help the ministry's development of teaching aids for students in the elementary and preparatory stage.

The West German government will provide experts and technicians for the project to manufacture teaching aids in addition to training Jordanian technicians in the federal republic.

The second DM 1.4 million project covers the cost of West German experts who will be providing technical assistance to Jordanian departments and institutions and to carry out studies needed for projects financed by West German assistance funds.

The third project is related to agricultural machinery station of which DM 1.7 million will be paid by the West German government through providing agricultural equipment and machines in addition to 3 experts in workshops and agricultural mechanics.

The agreement was signed by Planning Minister Taher Kanaan and West German Ambassador to Jordan Hewig Bartels.

U.S. predicts more Gulf oil

SAN FRANCISCO (R) — An end to the Iran-Iraq war would mean an additional two to three million barrels of oil a day flowing into the world market within a year or two, U.S. Energy Secretary John H. Herrington said Thursday.

Speaking at a news conference, Herrington said an end to the war would make U.S. energy policy an important issue.

The energy secretary said that both Iran and Iraq have huge war debts and, with an end to the fighting, they will step up oil production to rebuild their economies.

He said both Middle East countries have only one thing to sell to the world — oil.

"So you're going to see excess oil production, in my estimation. It may not happen in the short run, but you're going to see it in the long run. I'm talking one year, two years if the war ends," Herrington said.

More oil in the world market will force prices down and pose problems for the U.S. oil industry, he said.

"It raises the issue of energy for this election and it's going to mean the U.S. government in coming years is going to have to deal with the viability of the U.S. oil and gas industry on a very critical level," he said.

Herrington said the domestic oil industry needs to survive.

"It means we're going to have to look at things like a return to the depletion allowance, deregulation of natural gas, change in the tax code," he said.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

| Thursday rates | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Local selling rates in ffs | | | | | |
| Belgian franc (for 100) | 94.71 | 95.6 | Saudi riyal | 99.0 | 100.0 |
| Dutch guilder | 175.4 | 177.2 | Syrian lira | 11.0 | 12.0 |
| French franc | 58.7 | 59.3 | Lebanese lira | 250.0 | 400.0 |
| Italian lira (for 100) | 26.8 | 27.1 | Kuwaiti dinar | 1315.0 | 1325.0 |
| Japanese yen (for 100) | 274.7 | 277.4 | Egyptian pound | 160.0 | 165.0 |
| Swedish crown | 57.7 | 58.3 | Omani rial | 102.5 | 103.5 |
| Swiss franc | 238.4 | 240.8 | UAE dirham | 102.0 | 103.0 |
| U.K. sterling pound | 625.0 | 631.3 | UAE dirham | 970.0 | 980.0 |
| U.S. dollar | 267.7 | 271.7 | Bahraini dinar | 990.0 | 1000.0 |
| W. German mark | 198.0 | 200.0 | | | |

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

| | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| One Sterling | 1.7350/60 | U.S. dollar | |
| One U.S. dollar | 1.1955/65 | Canadian dollar | |
| | 1.8255/65 | Deutchmarks | |
| | 2.0595/0605 | Dutch guilders | |
| | 1.5140/50 | Swiss francs | |
| | 38.20/23 | Belgian francs | |
| | 6.1530/80 | French francs | |
| | 1350/1351 | Italian lire | |
| | 130.70/80 | Japanese yen | |
| | 6.2890/2940 | Swedish crowns | |
| | 6.6300/50 | Norwegian crowns | |
| | 6.9345/95 | Danish crowns | |
| One ounce of gold | 442.80/443.30 | U.S. dollars | |

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| Ministry of Finance | 663621 | Free Zones Corporation | 642001 |
| Ministry of Planning | 644466 | Amman Financial Market | 660170 |
| Ministry of Labour | 663186 | Amman Chamber of | |
| Ministry of Communications | 847391 | Commerce | 666151 |
| Ministry of Agriculture | 629591 | Amman Chamber of Industry | 644747 |
| Income Tax Department | 660151 | Association of Banks in Jordan | 662258 |
| Central Bank of Jordan | 630301 | Jordan Association of Insurance | |
| Amman Customs Department | 721811 | Companies | 647370 |
| Social Security Corporation | 643000 | General Statistics Department | 846171 |
| Jordan Industrial Estates | | Jordanian Businessmen | |
| Corporation | 721194 | Association | 680663 |

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Strong demand for leading stocks helped the market weather sharp falls in overseas bourses and close slightly firmer. The All Ordinaries rose 2.8 to 1,635.9.

TOKYO — Share prices closed sharply down in all sectors as uncertain investors took profits and decided to wait to place their money. The Nikkei index fell 391.13, 1.41 per cent, to 27,285.01.

HONG KONG — Shares closed lower on a quiet day enlivened only by an after-hours placement of 41.5 million shares in major property Cheung Kong. The Hang Seng index fell 10.04 to 2661.77.

SINGAPORE — Share prices closed lower across the board on speculative selling and profit taking in moderate trade. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 9.89 points to 1,142.61.

FRANKFURT — Shares added to Thursday's losses to close near lows as foreign dealers took advantage of the weaker dollar to cash in German shares. The Dax 30-share index closed at 1,153.73, one per cent or 11.69 point below Thursday.

PARIS — Shares ended steady in quiet trade, off morning lows but showing little positive reaction to the commercial bank rate cut. The 50-share bourse indicator showed a late 0.1 per cent gain.

ZURICH — Swiss share prices ended easier in moderate trading. A cautious attitude prevailed amid uncertainties over interest rates and the lower dollar.

LONDON — Shares were steady at just above the day's midmorning lows but dealers said volume had dropped to a trickle ahead of the weekend. By 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 stood 16.4 points lower at 1,848.

NEW YORK — Stocks continued to show small losses in light trading. The Dow 30 was off four points at 2,063 and declining issues led gainers by two-to-one.

Chinese officials get rich from illegal businesses

PEKING (R) — Chinese officials abuse their power by illegally trading in cars and other scarce goods, earning profits equal to a lifetime's salary, an official newspaper said Thursday.

The Economic Information newspaper said that 60 companies set up by officials in the south-west region of Guangxi netted a profit of 4.79 million yuan (\$1.3 million) by illegally trading in 51,000 tonnes of scarce fertilizer.

The average wage for a middle-ranking Chinese official is about 2,400 yuan (\$650) a year.

The losers were the farmers who paid up to 108 yuan (\$29) a tonne over the stipulated price for fertilizer. Soaring prices of farm materials have helped convince farmers to plant less grain this year than last.

"Businesses set up by the (Communist) Party and government organisations going into business are a great interference in our reforms, and absolutely must stop," the paper said in an editorial.

"There must be a complete separation between them and businesses. The success or failure of our reforms depends largely on whether we have an incorrupt party and government," it said. Officials have been enriching themselves, taking advantage of the "double-track" economy, under which some goods are sold at low, state-controlled prices and others at market prices, up to three to four times higher.

Officials controlling allocation of state goods only need to sell them on the free market for an instant profit.

The People's Daily last week gave two spectacular examples of official profiteering.

Five Soviet-made Lada cars have been sold four times since February last year by state firms in different parts of the country without ever leaving their warehouse in Dingshan in central China.

The price rose from 36,900 yuan (\$9,970) per vehicle to 75,000 yuan (\$20,200), the price for which they are now being advertised at a Dingshan trading centre.

Dollar falls

LONDON (R) — The dollar fell again Friday, depressed by concern that central banks were poised to push its value lower.

"Trading is hectic, said a currency dealer at a major British bank.

Gold eased, but oil prices were steady.

Traders around the world say they remain unsettled by the dollar's sharp retreat from its summer surge.

Its value has dropped three per cent against the Deutschmark and nearly four per cent against Britain's pound sterling this week, putting an end to an earlier, surging rally fuelled by growing confidence in a buoyant American economy and a belief that the massive U.S. trade deficit would continue to decline.

The dollar started its tumble after heavy central bank selling earlier this week, when the U.S. Federal Reserve, West Germany's Bundesbank and the Bank of Japan joined forces to stop the dollar's rise.

"There's only a limited amount by which the dollar can go up before it triggers strong intervention," said Roberto Bianchi, foreign exchange manager at Union Bank of Switzerland in Zurich.

The dollar fell 1.5 pfennigs to an early low of 1.8195 Deutsche marks, before steadying at around 1.8250 marks. It dropped a yen to about 130.50 yen and shed 0.75 cents to trade around \$1.7385 to the pound sterling.

Gold eased, too. The price of bullion was fixed in London at \$443.20 an ounce, down \$1.55 from Thursday afternoon.

Brent crude oil from the North Sea was steady at about \$15.50 a barrel for September delivery.

Turkish firms expect big contracts

ANKARA (R) — Turkish firms, eyeing lucrative reconstruction contracts in Iran and Iraq when the Gulf war guns finally fall silent, hope their country's neutrality in the conflict will reap rich rewards.

"I see a very strong chance for Turkish companies to undertake reconstruction projects in Iran and Iraq after the war ends," Atilla Senol, managing director of ME-SA Housing and Construction, told Reuters.

"Turkish companies have had hopes and expectations of a new market in these countries for the past few years but right now there are no definite talks or contacts. It is too early because the war has

not ended completely," he said.

Some local construction firms, among the most active in the Middle East, had started to sound out contacts in both Iran and Iraq before Tehran announced Monday that it accepted a U.N. Security Council ceasefire resolution, company sources said.

The contacts were made jointly with Turkey's public works ministry, the sources said.

Turkey, which borders both Iran and Iraq, has remained neutral in their eight-year-long war. The two countries together provide about 75 per cent of Turkey's oil imports.

With expertise in construction

ranging from houses, offices, hospitals and military bases to dams, roads and pipelines, Turkish firms believe they are in a prime position to win big deals.

"In the last year some Western firms have approached Turkish firms with offers of going into joint ventures," Senol said. "We think this approach was based on the assumption that Turkish firms would have a better chance in Iran and Iraq after the war was over."

Senol's company is now building a 1,500-unit housing project worth \$150 million in Libya and is discussing new deals with the Libyan government.

Construction sources said Tur-

kish companies had advantages over Western firms because Turkey was close to Iran and Iraq, shared a common religion and could compete competitively in price.

"Turkish companies have gained tremendous experience in the last two years in Libya and Saudi Arabia and are very well equipped to undertake big projects," one source said.

But the sources said some Turkish firms, hit by a 74 per cent inflation rate and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's tight monetary policies, would need government assistance to tender for contracts in Iran and Iraq.

Merchants thrive in Lebanon's divided city

BEIRUT (R) — Almost oblivious to the conflict and destruction that surrounds them, the merchants of Beirut go about their business with a vigour undimmed by 13 years of civil war.

From stores selling fashionable clothes and imported food to small workshops making furniture and plastics, commerce is thriving in sharp contrast to the burdens of daily life suffered by the majority of people.

For them, power cuts, water shortages and low wages add to the misery of car bombs, sniping and militia warfare that have wreaked a terrible toll on families and buildings.

"I am always amazed at the resilience of the private sector," said a Western diplomat. "They always seem to bounce back."

"Some of the light industrial products like textiles and furniture do good export business because of the weakness of the Lebanese lira," he said.

A year ago 138 Lebanese liras would buy a dollar, today the dollar costs 348 liras.

The depressed value of the lira makes Lebanese exports attractive to foreign buyers. But many Lebanese have seen minimum wages eroded to the equivalent of only \$45 a month — the price of a meal for two in a good restaurant.

Junior bank clerks are slightly better off — after buying their meal for two they would still have 5,000 liras (about \$15) for the rest of the month out of their 20,000 liras (\$60) salary.

Many goods and services are simply beyond the reach of the masses, say social workers.

And many of the million or so people who live in the Christian enclave around east Beirut struggle to keep up middle class appearances — some even selling furniture to make ends meet.

But for many of Beirut's businessmen, despite the odd

artillery shell or two that whistles overhead, business is booming.

On the Christian side of the green line battlefield, in a derelict commercial block in the former hub of the city, a two-man woodworking business illustrates the determination to survive and succeed.

"It was been quiet for more than a year now. Occasionally a shell or two comes over but we just keep working," says former militia fighter Rene Badawi, holding a half-finished table with his bullet-scuffed arm.

He and colleague George Khoury, who sell their kitchen units and furniture to big stores, agreed: "Business is good."

For Lebanese with little money to spend Beirut can be a frustrating place to live, with long delays in repairs to public utilities — even getting water on tap can be a problem.

The chaotic telephone system is just another aggravation for many, but for rich businessmen with \$50,000 to spend, a private satellite-linked international line is instantly available.

"For us it's bad. There are constant, long power cuts, you wait two days to have a shower, two days to get someone on the phone," said Nada, 23, a teacher.

"But if you are rich you have a water tank, a generator. No problem," she said.

The laissez-faire attitude to business for which Beirut was known before the war is undiminished but some traders are under fire for taking advantage of the lack of controls.

A leading weekly, An Nahar Arab and International, accused some food retailers of passing off bad food at high prices.

"They import stocks of rotten or expired foodstuffs and change the expiry date before releasing them onto the market," it said July 16.

"There is anarchy in the market... controls by the economics ministry on prices and quality of

products in the capital are inadequate," it added.

In east Beirut at least, the signs of booming business are all around. Construction, especially, is thriving, with new residential and commercial blocks going up.

A newly-opened cake and ice cream parlour has so many customers it creates a traffic jam each morning. Stores selling Japanese electronics, French fashions or West German food do good business.

Restaurants in the villages above the city are full every night with well-dressed families and groups of young people.

Trucks laden with plastic kitchenware, fruit and vegetables and construction materials line up to cross from the east to west Beirut daily.

Hamra Street in west Beirut, once a ritzy downtown shopping centre, still has its expensive stores.

While entertainment in the city is a shadow of that which made it a draw for fun-lovers before the war, there is still plenty of demand for night clubs, swimming pools and beachside chalets.

Jordan-Egypt talks to start next Friday

AMMAN (J.T.) — Meetings of the Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee begin next Friday under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and his Egyptian counterpart Atef Sidqi.

Preparatory meetings of the committee began in Amman Thursday with the participation of officials from the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee meets regularly to discuss trade cooperation between the two countries.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Mexican national coach quits after FIFA ban

MEXICO CITY (R) — Mexican national soccer coach Mario Velarde resigned Thursday following his team's suspension from international competition for two years, the official Notimex news agency said. The agency quoted Velarde as saying after a meeting with new Mexican Football Federation (FMF) president Marcelino Garcia Paniagua they had agreed that the coach could return if the ban was modified. Garcia Paniagua is due to meet senior officials of the International Football Federation (FIFA) in Philadelphia on August 26 to try to have Mexico allowed to take part in the World Cup in Italy in 1990. The ban was imposed after Mexico was accused of submitting the names of four over-age players in their team for the World Junior Football Championships in Saudi Arabia in 1990.

Barcelona prepared to release Archibald

BARCELONA, Spain (R) — Spanish soccer club Barcelona had no plans to use unsettled Scottish striker Steve Archibald in the coming season and were prepared to release him, manager Ramon Martinez said Thursday. "He doesn't figure in the manager's (Johan Cruyff's) plans," Martinez told Reuters, adding that any club interested in the player should get in touch. Archibald, 31, joined Barcelona from Tottenham in 1984 for \$900,000 (now \$1.55 million) and has two years to run on his contract with Barcelona. But with the regulation two foreign places on the side taken up by Englishman Gary Lincker and West German Bernd Schuster, Archibald spent last season on loan to English second division club Blackburn.

Maradona unhappy over Napoli conduct

MILAN, Italy (R) — Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona flew back from a holiday in Polynesia Thursday and made it immediately clear he was not happy with the conduct of his Italian club Napoli during his absence. "They have not kept their promises," he told reporters at Milan airport. "The worst case is (defender Salvatore) Bagni who was our rallying point for four years and now nobody wants him. 'It's not fair... they are the sort of things that make you want to give up soccer and I want to clear this up with the people I spoke with before I went away.' Maradona said. Bagni, put on the Napoli transfer list, was one of several players fined earlier this month for his role in a revolt before a key match last season. The players had blamed manager Ottavio Bianchi in a statement for their poor showing. Maradona, who stayed out of the May dispute, was not fined by the league disciplinary body but 16 team-mates were.

Cottee given permission to talk to clubs

LONDON (R) — West Ham have given their England soccer striker Tony Cottee permission to talk to both Everton and Arsenal for a transfer which will break the British record of two million pounds sterling (\$3.44 million), West Ham manager John Lyall said Thursday. "Arsenal and Everton have both made us an acceptable offer which will certainly be a British record," Lyall said. "Tony will be talking to both clubs." Tottenham became the first club to pay two million sterling when they bought striker Paul Gascoigne from Newcastle earlier this month.

Passarella confirms retirement from soccer

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Daniel Passarella, captain of Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning team, has turned down an offer to end his career at River Plate, confirming his retirement from soccer. "I think it's better to leave a minute before the party (ends) and not be accompanied politely to the door afterwards," Passarella said in an interview published Thursday.

Baseball Standings

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball standings after Thursday games.

National League

East Division

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| New York | 56 | 37 | .602 | — |
| Pittsburgh | 56 | 38 | .596 | 1/2 |
| Montreal | 48 | 46 | .511 | 8 1/2 |
| Chicago | 46 | 48 | .489 | 10 1/2 |
| St. Louis | 42 | 52 | .447 | 14 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 41 | 53 | .436 | 15 1/2 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Los Angeles | 54 | 39 | .581 | — |
| San Francisco | 50 | 45 | .526 | 5 |
| Cincinnati | 46 | 48 | .489 | 8 1/2 |
| San Diego | 44 | 50 | .468 | 11 1/2 |
| Atlanta | 32 | 60 | .348 | 21 1/2 |

American League

East Division

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Detroit | 55 | 37 | .598 | — |
| New York | 53 | 39 | .576 | 2 |
| Boston | 51 | 42 | .548 | 4 1/2 |
| Minneapolis | 50 | 45 | .526 | 6 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 48 | 48 | .500 | 9 |
| Toronto | 47 | 49 | .490 | 10 |
| Baltimore | 30 | 64 | .319 | 26 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Oakland | 58 | 38 | .604 | — |
| Minnesota | 51 | 42 | .548 | 5 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 48 | 47 | .505 | 9 1/2 |
| California | 45 | 49 | .479 | 12 |
| Chicago | 43 | 51 | .457 | 14 |
| Texas | 42 | 51 | .452 | 14 1/2 |
| Seattle | 38 | 57 | .400 | 19 1/2 |

McEnroe to begin Davis Cup play against Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — John McEnroe, struggling to return to form after two recent layoffs, opens singles competition Friday for the U.S. Davis Cup squad against Guillermo Perez Roldan of Argentina.

Team captain Jose "Tito" Vasquez of host Argentina has predicted his squad will upset the U.S. team 3-2. But McEnroe, a veteran of 59 Davis Cup matches (51-8), predicted a United States victory, saying, "this is the first team I've had where we've had three points in the bag."

"I hope to win at least one or two matches," McEnroe said. The United States leads the Davis Cup series against Argentina 6-3, with the host team winning all nine matches dating to 1931. Most recently, Argentina defeated the United States 3-2 in 1983 and the United States came back in Atlanta in 1984 to beat Argentina 5-0.

In the draw to determine playing positions in the final of the American Zone, former world No. 1 player McEnroe is to open against Perez Roldan at 10 a.m. (1300 GMT) Friday on centre court of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

Eighteen-year-old Andre Agassi, winner of last week's Grand Prix tournament in Stuttgart, West Germany, and ranked sixth in the world, takes on Argentina's Martin Jaite later.



Syrian midfielder Abdel Qader Kurdogly leaps to head a ball in the finals between Iraq and Syria Thursday (Photo by Issa Abu Othman).



A spectator encourages Pedro Delgado during one of the stages of the Tour de France.

Delgado on course for tour win after dope confusion

LE PUY DE DOME, France (AP) — Spain's Pedro Delgado, the dominating leader of this year's Tour de France, was cleared Thursday of suspicion that he was taking a banned drug, tour organisers said.

Denmark's Johnny Weltz won Thursday's 19th stage of the Tour de France cycling classic, while Pedro Delgado of Spain finished a strong third and increased his overall lead.

Weltz won in 5 hours, 14 minutes, 34 seconds with Golz more than 40 seconds behind as both moved away from the pack early and increased their margin to more than six minutes nearing the end.

After a second analysis of a urine sample taken last week after Delgado assumed the lead of the three-week tour, officials said traces were found of the drug probenidol, which is not on the list of substances banned by the International Cycling Union (ICU).

With a commanding lead over second-place Steven Rooks of The Netherlands, Delgado is nearly assured victory when the cycling classic ends Sunday on the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

Delgado, who strengthened his hold on the yellow leader's jersey Thursday with a strong third-place finish in the 19th stage, said he wants to put the drug controversy behind.

"I want to forget these things as fast as possible," Delgado said. "I have just lived through the most difficult time in my career, because it was the first time such a thing has happened to me, at the very moment when I was about to ride into Paris with the yellow jersey."

But officials also said a drug test on fourth-place rider Gerd-Jan Theunisse, a Dutch rider for the PDM team, had proved positive after a second check. He was punished with 10 additional minutes in the overall standings, dropping him to 11th place.

The drug test on Theunisse took place on July 14 after the punishing stage up l'Alpe d'Huez, in which he finished a surprising second. It was not immediately clear what drug was detected by the test.

Theunisse was also fined and his placing for the July 14 stage dropped to last.

Probenidol, which doctors say can be used to avoid detection of anabolic steroids or other drugs in a urinalysis, was added last year to the list of drugs banned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

"There is no question of punishing Delgado," said a statement issued by the chairman of the jury of commissioners, Mario

Prece. The controversy erupted Tuesday when rumors swirled of a positive result for Delgado on a drug test. Delgado confirmed Wednesday that he had asked for a second laboratory analysis, as the rules provide. Normally there is no public announcement until after the second laboratory check.

In Paris, Delgado's lawyers issued a statement saying the racer would consider legal action "for having been unjustly and irregularly accused of drug use."

But the cyclist told reporters a lawsuit "would bring nothing to anybody, exactly the reverse. I'll be very happy just to have it all over with."

Longo leads women's tour

Jeannie Longo of France held onto the yellow jersey as the women's Tour de France cycling leader Thursday, although rival Maria Canins of Italy won the 10th stage.

Canins, 1985 and 1986 champion, won the 61.5-kilometre (38-mile) stage in 1 hour, 55 minutes, 7 seconds with a gap of 15 seconds separating her and Longo.

However, Longo held a lead of 1:20 ahead of the Italian in the overall standings with two relatively flat stages remaining.

After an 82-kilometre (51-mile) leg from La Clayette to Chalons-sur-Saone Friday, the women will enjoy a day off Saturday before the final 64.5 kilometres (40 miles) Sunday.

They are scheduled to finish in Paris a few hours before the men.

Tyson, manager reach interim agreement

NEW YORK (AP) — Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and manager Bill Cayton moved closer to solving their differences Thursday and reached an interim agreement on dividing the purse from the Michael Spinks fight. Tyson received a check for \$10 million, Cayton was paid \$5 million and trainer Kevin Rooney \$1.5 million.

After hours of conferences and meetings in the courtrooms and hallways of the New York county courthouse, the lawyers said they moved closer to an overall agree-

ment on Cayton's future that would avoid a messy trial. But close is no deal. They'll meet again between now and Tuesday, when they are back before justice David H. Edwards Jr. in New York state supreme court.

"After seeing them sit next to one another, there is no question in my mind that Mike Tyson is willing to work with Bill Cayton and Bill Cayton is willing to work with Mike Tyson," said Thomas Puccio, Cayton's lawyer. "Bill

Iraq wins 5th Arab soccer Championship

AMMAN (Agencies) — Iraq beat Syria 5-4 in an action-packed game Thursday night to win the 1988 Arab Soccer Championship.

Iraq has won the championship four times. Its three previous wins were in 1964, 1966 and 1985. His Majesty King Hussein Thursday crowned the Iraqi national football team as champion of the 5th Arab Soccer Championship, at the end of the soccer melee.

King Hussein and other members of the royal family and members of the cabinet attended the match.

extra time as exhaustion sapped skills and with scores level after two hours of play, the cup had to be decided in a nerve-wracking penalty shoot-out.

Shaouhi saved Iraq's first attempt, but Syria then missed two successive penalties. The overall score stood at 4-4 when Iraq's Ghanem Oreibi slotted the last shot of the match into the Syrian goal.

Egypt takes 3rd place

Egypt beat hosts Jordan 2-0 after leading 1-0 at the half in a lackluster match Thursday to take third place.

Jordan's hopes were dented early when Ala Mahyoub scored for Egypt in the fourth minute. Egypt's defence rarely looked in danger from the Jordanians, who bombarded the Egyptian goal inaccurately from long-range and rarely created scoring chances inside the penalty area.

Egypt scored a second time moments from the final whistle. Hussam Hassan drove a tight-angled shot towards Jordan's reserve goalkeeper Khalid Al-Rashedat and was credited with the goal, though the ball appeared to ricochet into the net off a Jordanian defender.

The annual Arab Soccer Championship began in 1962, when it was held in Lebanon. But war disrupted it in 1967 and it was not reinstated until 1985.

Mexican Soccer Federation tries to regain credibility

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican Soccer Federation has reorganised in an attempt to improve its international image following the scandal that barred the nation from the Summer Olympics and the 1990 World Cup.

"We will try to recover at any cost the credibility of our soccer, which at some time has been placed in doubt," Marcelino Garcia Paniagua told reporters after his election as the federation's president Monday.

The International Federation of Association Football, known as FIFA, suspended Mexico from international competition for two years after it was learned that false passports were used by some adult players in order to compete in a youth tournament.

Mexico lost its already secured places in the Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, and the Youth World Championship to be played in Saudi Arabia. The suspension also effectively bars Mexico from qualifying for the 1990 World Cup in Italy, after hosting the 1986 edition.

The federal attorney general's office, meanwhile, announced that an investigation had started

of the false passports provided to the players.

Among those who are scheduled to testify are Rafael Del Castillo, who resigned as the soccer federation's director after the scandal, other federation leaders and the players themselves.

The Mexican bar association issued a statement asking that "those responsible for Mexican soccer remaining out of international competition and for the negative impact that has been given to the national sport in general should be punished with all the force of the law."

Since the ban by FIFA was announced last month, the Mexican sports press has kept up a steady barrage of criticism against the national soccer federation. Particularly harsh to fans here is Mexico's elimination from the 1990 World Cup. The country has participated in most previous tournaments and is the only country to have hosted the World Cup twice, in 1970 and 1986.

Garcia Paniagua said that he and fellow directors of the soccer federation are committed "to getting Mexican soccer out of the situation in which it is."

USOC to pay track and field athletes

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (AP) — The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) said that for the first time ever it plans to make direct cash payments to top American athletes to help offset training costs.

"It is simply no longer possible for a world class athlete to compete successfully and at the same time earn a living in a full-time job," USOC president Robert Helmick said Thursday.

"Our ultimate goal is to provide our top-level athletes with sufficient support for living and training expenses so that they may spend the time necessary to train and compete internationally."

The direct payments are part of a \$25-million proposal that includes job and scholarship programmes for athletes. Money would come from sales of 1988 Olympic coins.

The national governing bodies of individual sports would determine which top athletes receive the direct payments. But the payment itself would come directly from the USOC, said spokesman Mike Moran.

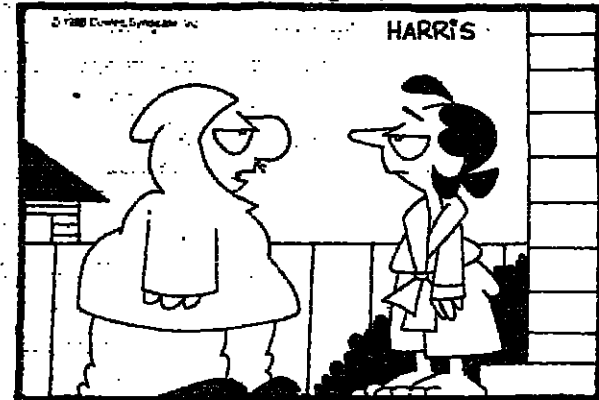
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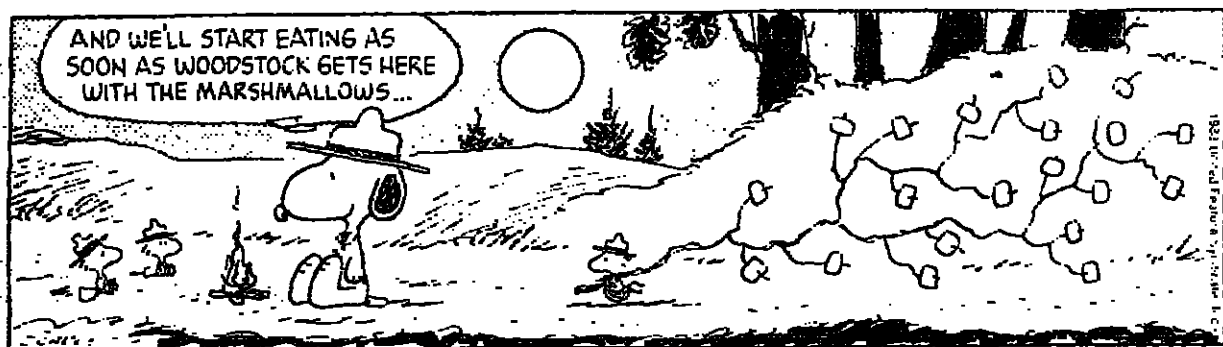
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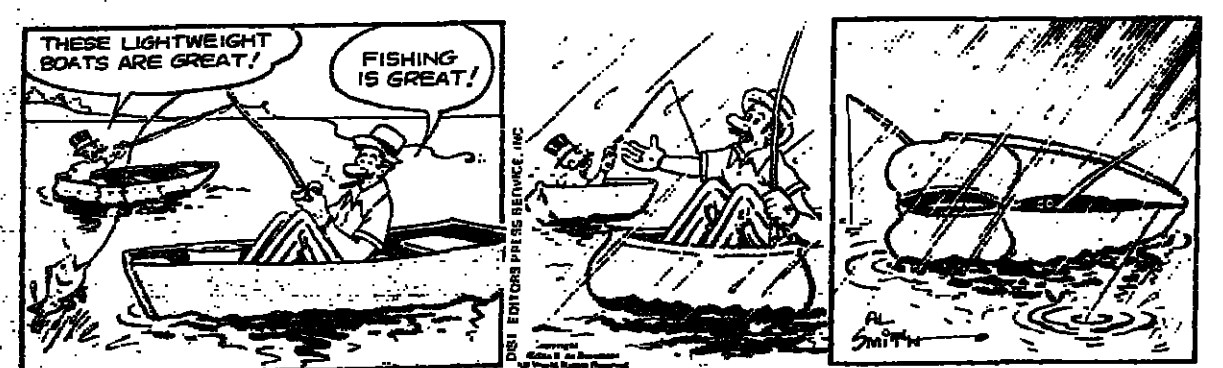


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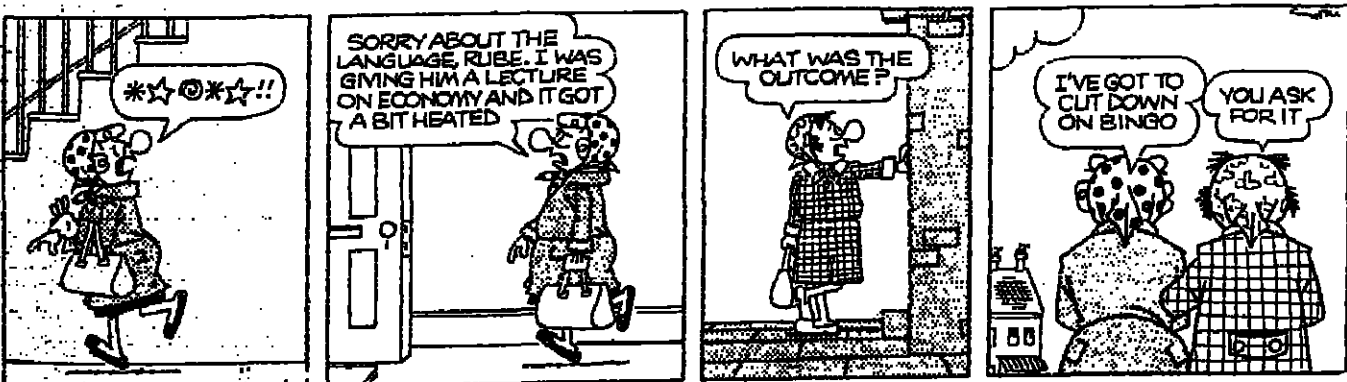
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Moscow, Peking to discuss Kampuchea

PEKING (Agencies) — The Soviet Union will send a high-level delegation to Peking next month for unprecedented talks with China specifically on the Kampuchean conflict, diplomats said Friday.

The Soviet side is expected to be led by Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev and the Chinese by Vice Foreign Minister Tian Zengpei.

Moscow is Vietnam's main ally while China is the biggest supporter of the Khmer Rouge, which has been fighting to regain power in Kampuchea since they were ousted early in 1979 by the Vietnamese.

Vietnam's intervention in Kampuchea is the most important of three obstacles China says stand in the way of normalising political relations with the Soviet Union after almost 30 years of hostility.

Senior leader Deng Xiaoping has made it clear on several occasions that he would not meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev unless the Kremlin put decisive pressure on Vietnam to withdraw its estimated 100,000 troops out of Kampuchea.

"It's far too early to talk about a Sino-Soviet summit but it's a step in that direction," a Western diplomat said of next month's talks.

The last full summit meeting between the two neighbours was in 1959 when Nikita Khrushchev met Mao Tse-tung in Peking.

China's Foreign Ministry and Soviet embassy officials declined immediate comment on whether the talks would be held.

Diplomats said the talks would take place at the end of August and be followed by a meeting of Chinese and Soviet foreign ministers at the United Nations in September.

China and the Soviet Union have discussed Kampuchea within the framework of their infrequent normalisation talks, also

held at the deputy foreign minister level, but diplomats said next month's talks would be the first meeting devoted to the issue.

"It is not clear what proposals either side will make. It will depend very much on the Jakarta talks," an Asian diplomat said.

Kampuchea's three-party guerrilla coalition will meet near Jakarta next week with officials from the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh government for the first time in the nine-year conflict. Vietnam itself will participate in a second round of talks.

Diplomats said it was certain China would urge the Soviet Union to put pressure on the Vietnamese to withdraw quickly while Moscow will call on China to make sure the Khmer Rouge do not fill the political and military vacuum left by Vietnam.

The Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot from 1975 to 1979, are widely blamed for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of their fellow Kampuchians.

Both China and the Soviet Union had shifted their positions slightly, the Western diplomat said. Moscow by proposing the talks and China by proposing in its July 1 statement a freeze on forces in Kampuchea while Vietnam withdrew.

Soviet troop concentrations along the Chinese border and Moscow's forces in Afghanistan are the other two main issues seen by China as obstructing full relations with the Soviet Union.

Vietnam has said it will withdraw its army from Kampuchea by the end of next year or early 1990 even if no political solution is reached between the Phnom Penh government and the coalition of Kampuchean guerrilla

forces.

Hanoi offer to U.S.

In another development, the U.S. administration Thursday welcomed a Vietnamese offer of cooperation to trace American servicemen missing action in the Vietnam war.

"We are pleased to confirm that Vietnam has offered to work jointly with the United States on concerted efforts to resolve the issue of American military and civilian personnel still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam war," State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said.

She said the two governments have agreed to planning meetings in Hanoi, July 25-28, to discuss technical aspects of implementing the offer. "We hope that progress can be made quickly" towards resolving this long-standing problem, she said.

Washington has demanded the fullest possible accounting of its missing servicemen and a total pullout of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea as conditions for establishment of diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

Vietnam announced Thursday it had invited the United States to join in a search for missing servicemen.

Ariane launches 2 satellites

PARIS (R) — Western Europe's Ariane rocket blasted off from its French Guiana base Thursday night, successfully putting Indian and European satellites into orbit.

The Ariane-3 launcher, blasted into the night skies from its jungle base at Kourou on the northeastern tip of South America after a 15-minute delay caused by low cloud.

"This is the eleventh satellite Ariane has launched in 11 months and I am certain this proves we can maintain the demanding launch targets we have set ourselves," said Ariane President Frederic D'Allest.

Twenty minutes into the launcher's flight, Insat 1C, an Indian telecommunications and weather forecasting satellite, was ejected into a geostationary orbit, bringing a sigh of relief from Indian space officials.

Two minutes later the last of a generation of European broadcasting satellites, ECS 5, was launched into orbit. Ariane's flight ended three minutes later.

The European launcher, now a clear leader in the world commercial satellite market, has had six successful launches in a row since flights resumed in 1987 after an 18-month hiatus.

D'Allest said four more Ariane launches were planned in 1988, with the next Sept. 7.

Seoul seeks united reply to Pyongyang

SEOUL (AP) — South Korean political leaders said Friday they would try to respond by the end of the month to a North Korean call for talks on a non-aggression pact between the two bitter rivals.

Leaders of the South's four main political parties said they would cooperate with each other to produce a united response by the end of next week that could clear the way for talks.

"We will make efforts to seek an early realization of inter-Korean parliamentary talks," said opposition leader Kim Dae-jung.

North Korea sent a proposal Thursday inviting the South Korean National Assembly for talks with the Supreme People's Assembly in Pyongyang on a non-aggression pact drawn up by the North.

South Korean government and opposition leaders said preliminary negotiations would be needed to work out the terms and details before any agreement could be reached on parliamentary talks.

Opposition leaders Kim Dae-jung, Kim Young-sam, Kim Jong-pil and government Democratic Justice Party Chairman Yoon Gi-jung said they would try to use Pyongyang's proposals to promote contacts to ease tension on the divided peninsula.

South Korean Defence Minister Oh Ja-bok warned senior commanders Friday that the North had substantial military superiority over the South and its forces were poised for attack.

The North Korean proposal received modest coverage in the South Korean news media. Many observers said the proposal did not appear to be a major new development.

The rival Koreans have presented a series of proposals in recent months to ease tension and establish peace. But each side has tended to ignore the other's proposals, insisting its own plans be followed.

Talks between parliamentary delegations on a non-aggression pact collapsed in 1986 when North Korea pulled out to protest U.S.-South Korean military exercises. Similar efforts in the early 1970s also failed to make any progress.

A government spokesman also said inter-government talks should be held at the same time as inter-parliamentary talks.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Hayden sees Tibet human-rights problems

HONG KONG (R) — Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden ended a visit to China saying Chinese authorities have human-rights problems to resolve in Tibet. Hayden told a news conference in Hong Kong Friday before leaving for Sydney that there was a case to answer on human-rights issues in Tibet. "But I'm not going to conduct a public debate on it," he said.

8 killed in Sri Lankan bombing

COLOMBO (R) — A bomb explosion provoked clashes between Sinhalese and Tamils in eastern Sri Lanka, killing eight people, military officials said Friday. They said five were killed Thursday when a bomb exploded inside a small restaurant in the centre of Trincomalee. Fifteen civilians were injured in the blast. Soon after the explosion, clashes broke out between Sinhalese and Tamils in the port city. Three unidentified people were hacked to death, military officials said.

U.S. denies visa to Nicaraguan envoy

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States, which expelled Nicaraguan Ambassador Carlos Tunnerman last week, has rejected his request to return as envoy to the Organisation of American States (OAS), the State Department said Thursday. "He applied for a visa to return to the United States as Nicaragua's permanent representative to the OAS. He is not being granted the visa," State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said at a press briefing. She said he had been expelled for "activities that constitute an abuse of the privilege of residency in the United States." She did not spell out the alleged abuses.

Freed Colombian politician urges dialogue

BOGOTA (R) — Colombian politician Alvaro Gomez Hurtado, who was held by leftist rebels for two months and freed Wednesday, appealed to the government Thursday to join a national peace dialogue. "There is a climate of war but there is also a climate of negotiations," a healthy-looking Gomez told a packed news conference in the offices of the Conservative Party newspaper El Siglo. "The government has the ability (to join in a dialogue) but does not use it," the 69-year-old politician added. Gomez, publisher and editor of El Siglo, was a presidential candidate in 1974 and again in the 1986 elections, won by President Virgilio Barco. M-19 rebels released him near his Bogota home Wednesday night.

Stranded Biharis may go home next year

DHAKA (R) — A Pakistani minister has said the repatriation of Bihari Muslims stranded in squalid camps in Bangladesh for 17 years would begin next year. Finance and Commerce Minister Mahbubul Haq said Thursday night that he expected funds from a Saudi-financed welfare agency would be available in time to start the transfer of 259,100 Biharis to Pakistan. "Funds for the repatriation would be available within next year and enable us to start the operation," he told reporters after he arrived in Dhaka.

GOVERN BRIDGE

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SHOULD GUILTY SUCCEED?

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

♠ 10 6

♥ J 9

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q J 10 6 3 2

WEST

♠ J 8 7 3 2

♥ A 6 5

♦ J 10 6 3

♣ 8

other than a congenial idiot would have won the ace and reverted to spades, assuring a two-trick set. Therefore, I am entitled to regain what we eventually lost on the rubber.

"As East, Your Honor, I contend the case is nowhere near as cut and dried as my erstwhile partner has presented it. What if declarer held the jack of spades and a singleton ace of clubs? I could not tell from partner's club spot whether he held a singleton or doubleton club. If the latter, had I taken my ace of diamonds, the queen would have become the entry to cash the clubs and make the contract."

"While I normally consider a case for \$8 a waste of the court's time, I find the hand interesting. There is a subtle clue to the winning defense. The partner of the player who pre-empted cannot be sure he is going to find an outside entry in his partner's hand. Therefore, if he bids three no trump, he must either expect to make nine tricks in his own hand or else be able to run his partner's long suit. East can see that the former is not true, so he must play South for at least a doubleton club.

"So while I congratulate declarer on his deceptive play, I feel East is partially guilty. Therefore, I reduce the award to \$3, and charge each party \$3 for the bridge lesson."

The bidding:

North East South West

3 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠

Your Honor:

"It might seem ridiculous for small claims court to be involved in a case for \$8. However, a matter of principle is at stake.

"In our bridge game the other night, I held the West cards and led a low spade against declarer's three no trump contract. My partner's queen forced the ace. Declarer cashed the ace of clubs on which I followed with my eight, then led the king of diamonds. My partner held up the ace, and declarer gratefully accepted the gift, resting off six more clubs and conceding the last four tricks. I maintain that anyone

Cuba says ceasefire implicit in Angola

HAVANA (R) — A Cuban official said Thursday a four-nation agreement in principle on withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and independence for Namibia implies a ceasefire, adding he was reasonably optimistic on prospects for peace.

"If each party strictly respects the terms of the agreement, it implies a ceasefire," in Angola, Carlos Aldana, secretary of the Communist Party's central committee told a news conference.

He provided the first official Cuban comment on a U.S.-mediated agreement among Angola, Cuba and South Africa to end the 13-year-old war in Angola and give Namibia independence from South African rule.

Saying Cuba was reasonably optimistic, Aldana stressed the agreements reached were only early results from months of negotiations.

"The rest of the road will be easier," he said.

South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha said Wednesday, after announcing the agreement, that much remained to be done.

Aldana confirmed the three sides would hold a new round of talks, at experts' level, in Geneva August 2-4.

Botha said Wednesday the U.N. plan would be implemented in parallel with the phased Cuban withdrawal.

The plan, known as Resolution 435, was adopted by the Security Council Sept. 29, 1978, when it envisaged a transition to full inde-

pendence in seven to 12 months. Resolution 435 outlines the following steps towards independence for the former German colony that is also known as South West Africa.

The first step would be a ceasefire in the 20-year conflict between South Africa and the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), which has sought to end white rule in the territory. All forces would immediately be confined to their bases.

South Africa would be obliged to repeal all discriminatory laws. Though most apartheid rules have already been overturned in Namibia, some segregation survives in areas such as education.

Pretoria would be obliged to cut its military presence in Namibia to 1,500 men within 12 weeks of the starting date and would have to withdraw the last units after the first election.

Local forces, including the 22,000-member South West Africa territory force, would have to be demobilised and disbanded. SWAPO members would be allowed to return freely from bases in Angola and elsewhere.

A United Nations transition assistance group would monitor the demobilisation and ensure that elections take place without intimidation.

A U.N. special representative would arrange for free and fair elections of a constituent assembly which would draft a constitution for Namibia's 1.2 million people.

'Night Stalker' on trial 34 months after arrest

LOS ANGELES (Agencies) — Thirty-four months after being charged and seized by an angry mob, alleged "Night Stalker" Richard Ramirez went on trial Thursday on 13 murder counts. A verdict is not expected for up to two years.

Fifty prospective jurors went through the first round of questioning with most being excused on the grounds they would not be available or would suffer financial hardship by sitting at such a long trial.

Lawyers defending Ramirez, who sat hunched in a chair occasionally blowing out his cheeks in apparent frustration, expect the selection of a 12-person jury to last six months.

The 28-year-old Ramirez, a self-proclaimed devil worshiper from El Paso, Texas, was arrested Sept. 1, 1985, after a night murder rampage had spread fear across California.

People bought guns and burglar alarms and formed local street patrols, not knowing where the "Night Stalker" — so named by police because he entered homes under cover of darkness — would strike next.

The "Night Stalker" was accused of 15 murders — Ramirez will be tried separately on two murder counts — and 30 other crimes, including attempted murder, burglary, robbery, rape and sodomy.

The dead were strangled, stabbed or shot as they slept. Detectives said they had seldom seen such savagery. One victim had his eyes gouged out.

Ramirez was arrested Aug. 31, 1985, after he was seized and beaten by a crowd who had chased him through streets and back gardens in Los Angeles shouting, "It's the killer."

Wanted photographs of the "Night Stalker" had been posted in the city.

If found guilty, Ramirez, who has been held without bail in a one-man cell since his arrest, could be sentenced to death.

At a preliminary hearing for Ramirez in 1986, anguished witnesses including several women who had been raped told of horrific confrontations with the "Night Stalker" who invaded their homes, killed their husbands and demanded they "swear to Satan."

High-speed duel over two-timing

LYON, France (R) — Two French truckdrivers fought a high-speed duel on a crowded motorway after one spotted his wife sitting in the other's cab, police said Thursday. Jealous husband Joel Moron, 45, for 20 kilometres in heavy traffic and caught up with the pair near St. Etienne, central France. After fighting it out at the roadside with tyre levers, the two men took to the road again in a renewed chase but Moron, bleeding heavily from a gash in his arm, fainted at the wheel. Andre's wayward wife, Monique, managed to stop the speeding truck. Police said Moron was under observation in hospital. Andre, who drives for the same company, was remanded in custody.

'Last Emperor' conquers Rome

ROME (R) — Thousands of spectators packed the open-air Circus Maximus arena in the heart of Rome Thursday for a unique showing of Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci's award-winning film "The Last Emperor." The one-off free performance was intended by Rome authorities as a tribute to 47-year-old Bertolucci, whose film swept this year's Hollywood Academy Awards ceremony with nine Oscars including that of best director. The Circus Maximus, used for at least eight centuries for chariot races in ancient Rome, was transformed into a huge open-air cinema for the screening, which Bertolucci attended. "The Last Emperor" is the story of Emperor Pu Yi, who ascended the throne in imperial China in 1908 at the age of three and died a humble gardener under communist rule in 1967.

Director fined for hurting turtle

HONG KONG (AP) — A magistrate fined a prominent television director 1,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$128) Thursday for causing unnecessary suffering to a turtle. But a charge of making a sparrow suffer unnecessarily was dismissed. Rachel Zen, 37, a radio television Hong Kong director, was fined in connection with the making of the drama "Life Goes On." The programme is about a cancer patient. In one scene, a woman poured scalding water onto a turtle in a wok to make a special soup that reputedly helps fight cancer. In another scene, a sparrow was shown struggling in a burning cage until it died.

Thieves spirit off \$1m in New York

NEW YORK (R) — Thieves dressed as armoured car guards coolly picked up more than \$1 million in cash and cheques at an airline office Wednesday, then disappeared, police said. The three men were "dressed in dark blue uniforms as worn by Pan American World Airways, said police spokeswoman Mildred Schneider. "They picked up over \$1 million and left. Ten minutes later the real couriers came in to pick up the money," she said.

Lawmakers thrown out of assembly

NEW DELHI (R) — Security men picked up 15 Indian politicians and threw them out of the Gujarat state assembly Friday for demonstrating against a proposed tax, the Press Trust of India reported. The Indian parliament and state assemblies are often brought to a halt by protests and walk-outs. But it is rare for such forcible measures to be taken as in Gujarat, in West India.

THE Daily Crossword by Kenneth Witte

ACROSS

- 1 Scorpbook
- 2 Information
- 3 Tissues
- 4 Lotto kin
- 5 Lyrical poems
- 6 Opinion
- 7 Proved competent
- 8 H.H. Munro
- 9 Curse
- 10 Wash cycle
- 11 Utopia
- 12 A freeman
- 13 Proved competent
- 14 Out of the way
- 15 Century plant
- 16 Tennis stroke
- 17 Trust
- 18 Gipsy locale
- 19 Rajah's spouse
- 20 — culpas
- 21 Religious body
- 22 "Hill" name
- 23 Proved competent
- 24 Start the day
- 25 Thin Man's dog
- 26 Punish
- 27 US humorist
- 28 Harvest
- 29 Proved competent
- 30 Light color
- 31 Chair member
- 32 Gipsy locale
- 33 Betsy or Barney
- 34 Grapes
- 35 Beginning

DOWN

- 1 Desert robes
- 2 Singer Horne
- 3 Enjoy the
- 4 Hard to handle
- 5 Slogane name
- 6 "Ailes"
- 7 Live Here
- 8 Any more
- 9 Fluid sums
- 10 Of a bone
- 11 Yemen city
- 12 Hardens
- 13 Buyer's delight
- 14 Hollow stem
- 15 "Sesame Street" name
- 16 Poor grade
- 17 Thaw
- 18 Haulboy
- 19 Work the land
- 20 Words of understanding
- 21 Purple color
- 22 West
- 23 Andes' beast
- 24 Unique person
- 25 Celtic great
- 26 Carassae
- 27 Thrill
- 28 Club member
- 29 Fence steps
- 30 After FDR
- 31 Plan
- 32 Derived from
- 33 Employs
- 34 Proprietor
- 35 Mix. lead
- 36 Goes wrong
- 37 Chip in a chip
- 38 Interrogative
- 39 Helms
- 40 Novelist James
- 41 Attention
- 42 Gifter
- 43 Wipe lightly
- 44 Castle cheer
- 45 Interrogative

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

ACROSS: 1. SCORPION, 2. INFORMATION, 3. TISSUES, 4. LOTTO KIN, 5. LYRICAL POEMS, 6. OPINION, 7. PROVED COMPETENT, 8. H.H. MUNRO, 9. CURSE, 10. WASH CYCLE, 11. UTOPIA, 12. A FREEMAN, 13. PROVED COMPETENT, 14. OUT OF THE WAY, 15. CENTURY PLANT, 16. TENNIS STROKE, 17. TRUST, 18. GIPSY LOCALE, 19. RAJAH'S SPOUSE, 20. — CULPAS, 21. RELIGIOUS BODY, 22. "HILL" NAME, 23. PROVED COMPETENT, 24. START THE DAY, 25. THIN MAN'S DOG, 26. PUNISH, 27. US HUMORIST, 28. HARVEST, 29. PROVED COMPETENT, 30. LIGHT COLOR, 31. CHAIR MEMBER, 32. GIPSY LOCALE, 33. BETSY OR BARNEY, 34. GRAPES, 35. BEGINNING.

DOWN: 1. DESERT ROBES, 2. SINGER HORNE, 3. ENJOY THE, 4. HARD TO HANDLE, 5. SLOGANE NAME, 6. "AILES", 7. LIVE HERE, 8. ANY MORE, 9. FLUID SUMS, 10. OF A BONE, 11. YEMEN CITY, 12. HARDENS, 13. BUYER'S DELIGHT, 14. HOLLOW STEM, 15. "SESAME STREET" NAME, 16. POOR GRADE, 17. THAW, 18. HAULBOY, 19. WORK THE LAND, 20. WORDS OF UNDERSTANDING, 21. PURPLE COLOR, 22. WEST, 23. ANDES' BEAST, 24. UNIQUE PERSON, 25. CELTIC GREAT, 26. CARASSAE, 27. THRILL, 28. CLUB MEMBER, 29. FENCE STEPS, 30. AFTER FDR, 31. PLAN, 32. DERIVED FROM, 33. EMPLOYS, 34. PROPRIETOR, 35. MIX. LEAD, 36. GOES WRONG, 37. CHIP IN A CHIP, 38. INTERROGATIVE, 39. HELMS, 40. NOVELIST JAMES, 41. ATTENTION, 42. GIFTER, 43. WIPE LIGHTLY, 44. CASTLE CHEER, 45. INTERROGATIVE.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carol Flighter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Use your experiences from the past as the best means for unraveling some puzzle in your life. Do whatever you can to eliminate confusion in your personal and professional lives.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get busy and handle those duties you haven't completed. Listen to what your mate suggests for a better picture of the days ahead.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Discuss with an expert partner what should be done to make your affairs work out more successfully in the days ahead.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make an improved schedule for handling your daily activities. Listen to what a co-worker has to say which can help you.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Make sure you understand every angle of a personal alliance before you pursue it any further. Be more exact in handling special talents.

a good day to garner data so that you comprehend what is going on in the world at large and also within your community.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's a good day to make fine arrangements for handling business affairs. Put aside some money to improve your property, also.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are not certain just how to gain your wishes, but later you will get a flash of inspiration. Then full speed ahead!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Long talks with advisers and fellow workers can show you what to do to gain more success. Ideas from your mate can be helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You may be confused today, so be sure to study all facts and figures to avoid unfortunate mistakes. Good friends can help you succeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study the moods of family members and outsiders before you ask for any favors. Do nothing to spoil your reputation.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles: one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SIPOE

TIHHC

MIESD

YUFEEL

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A

Yesterday's Jumbles: LEECH, JUPOR, MOTIVE, BEETRY

Answer: What you might expect him to do when she spends all that money on some silly object — CLEVER

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

